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"QUEEN OF THE COAST"

Victoria, the Self-Made Capital of British Columbia, and Its Political Trade and Social Centre.

CITY OF HANDSOME HOMES

Destined by Geographical Position to Become a Commercial Metropolis It is Fulfilling Its Natural Destiny—Concise History of this Charming City and Delightful Surroundings.

In this special number of British Columbia's pioneer newspaper it is in order that something be said concerning Victoria city, "The Queen of the Coast," to whose upbuilding THE COLONIST has so materially contributed, and to which the attention of all America is now directed, in view of the importance that its geographical position and its steadily growing trade command. As in ancient days all roads led to Rome, so in this hurrying end of the nineteenth century all the unmarked highways of the great Pacific focus at Victoria, making this city the gateway between America and the countries of the Far East, the North and the South—the Orient, Alaska, the islands of Hawaii and the Australasian colonies. The fact that it is the capital of the most prosperous province in the Canadian confederation, and the one richest in natural resources, also gives to the city bearing Her Majesty's name an additional importance, while that it is the headquarters of the much-talked-of sealing business, of the salmon trade, and of the lumbering and mining interests of the Pacific Northwest, contributes in large measure to its recognized commercial supremacy. The substantial growth and natural advantages of the city are without parallel in the Dominion of Canada; but even its commanding position, fitting it pre-eminently for a trade center, and the unbounded wealth of the resourceful tributary country, might have failed in their natural mission had not the city's destinies been, since the axe was laid to the first tree on its site, in the hands of self-reliant, enterprising and far-seeing men.

For Victoria is above all things a self-made city, and the same interest attaches to its growth in population, wealth and commercial strength that is inseparable from the careers of self-made men.

The city's history antedates by but a few years that of THE COLONIST, which now celebrates its anniversary, and is linked with that of California by a golden bond. Not that the settlement of Victoria and Vancouver Island followed or developed out of that of the state to the south, where all things local are written up from the memorable year '49. Long before this, Victoria—Fort Camoosam it then was—had a busy and useful existence. The fur traders were here the pioneers of the gold seekers, and the first rude hut in what is now British Columbia's queenly capital was the humble home of one of the adventurous officers of the Hudson's Bay Company. As the years rolled on the importance of the company's post at the southern extremity of Vancouver Island became more and more recognized. Population increased, the Hudson's Bay Company, with its storekeepers, trappers and traders furnishing one important class, while another, drawn from the ships of the Royal Navy which paid frequent visits to these island shores, more gradually became a noticeable feature of Victoria's society.

Then came news of gold discoveries in various parts of the country tributary to the struggling settlement, and then the influx of the treasure seekers. From California, where they had tasted the sweet and the bitter of the gold fever, the prospective millionaires with picks and shovels poured into Victoria, equipped themselves, and passed on in hundreds and thousands to the Fraser or to Cariboo. The history of Victoria's life during the "sixties" is the history of many places in the west which gold finds have made famous in a day.

The mad search for riches made the village a city—and one, while the excitement was at its height, of considerable population and constantly changing character. After the fever came the reaction, which even more tried the young and struggling city. Many of its citizens knew its worth, however, and Victoria passed the crisis safely and commenced the steady, substantial growth that has led to its recognition to-day as the wealthiest city, for its size, upon the continent.

The situation of Victoria is alike remarkable for its beauty and its adaptability to the purposes of commerce. The city rises gradually from the straits of San Juan de Fuca and from the land-locked harbor in which its extensive shipping lies in safety. The grades from the waterside through the business section to the suburbs are all gentle, and no high bluffs, alike dangerous and inconvenient, mar any of its wide and handsome streets. Again, the continuous slope of the city site to the water provides natural surface drainage, which, with the extensive sewerage system recently adopted strongly supplement its climatic and scenic attractions as a place of residence or resort. Of the climate—the pride of the resident and the wonder of the sojourner—a traveller recently wrote thus enthusiastically:

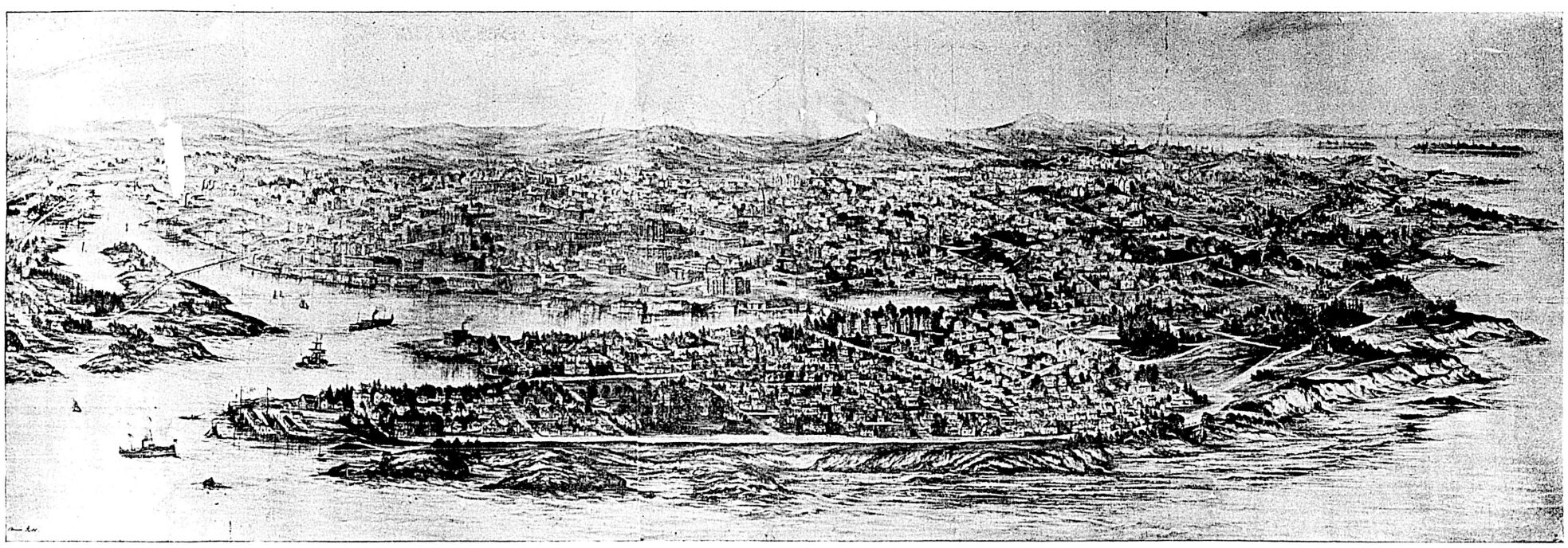
"Victoria has a climate unequalled anywhere, which is specially recommended to health-seeking invalids. The atmosphere is charged with ozone peculiar to Victoria alone. It originates in the snow-cooled breezes in the Olympian range (about sixty miles southwest of the city) which, mixed with the salt air of the Pacific, give it peculiar health-restoring and life-prolonging qualities that are fast making this city the sanitarium of the Pacific coast."

Nor does this hearty enconium go quite far enough. In the summer the cool breezes from the distant Olympians, mingled with the zephyrs from the old ocean, so temper the atmosphere that excessive heat is practically an unknown quantity, while in the winter months the influence of the warm Japan current makes an extreme of cold equally unfamiliar. It is doubtful, indeed, if any city in the world can boast a climate as equable, as temperate, or as bracing in which flowers flourish perennially in the open air, and the outdoor life and exercise so beneficial to all ages may be enjoyed from year's end to year's end.

As a place of residence or resort Victoria offers attractions that can be presented by no other city in the province—it is the social as well as the political and commercial capital, the continual presence of Her Majesty's army and navy no doubt contributing materially to the success of the never-ending succession of festivities through all seasons of the year. The society of the city is of high standard, good manners and education being the first and never to be waived essentials to admittance, and the personal ownership of homes—attractively placed in ample and beautiful gardens—so common here as to constitute a general rule, naturally begetting and developing refined and aesthetic tastes. Victorians are noted, too, for an easy distribution of their time between office and home, and it is this very fact that makes their homes and their society so attractive and life a fair division between work and pleasure. Nine-tenths of the city's residents own their own homes, and if in business their business premises. Can such a statement be made of many other cities in the land?

Reverting to the scenic charms of the city, which constitute no inconsiderable factor in its total attractions, it may be said that no place on the coast appeals more to the poetic and artistic sensibilities. From the heights beyond the city, many of which are adorned with well appointed homes, although beyond even the suburban line, the panoramic prospect is indeed an inspiring one, especially when the sun in the morning lights the broad expanse, or in the evening sinks below the western horizon, leaving the picture quivering in a riot of harmonious color, constantly changing yet equally lovely through all the long twilights of the summer months.

"What a prospect is that which one may from these convenient heights behold"—the writer quotes from his own notes on first viewing Victoria and its environments from the crown of Mount Tolmie. "The well-ordered, picturesque city in the foreground; beyond the shimmering harbor and straits, reflecting the deep blue of the sky; across this grand body of water the Straits of San Juan de Fuca may be seen the glittering, snow-capped uneven line of peaks of the Olympic range, extending over the westerly part of the State of Washington; to their east, on the other side of Puget Sound, the forest-covered foothills, and then the mountains themselves of the Cascade range, towering into sight and presided over by the great snow sentinels, Mount Baker and the Sisters. Further to the north loom the white saw-toothed peaks of the great ranges of British Columbia, the Fraser and Selkirks, while between them and the point of vision extend the Straits of Georgia, dotted with innumerable islands. Such continuous scenic splendor can be viewed at no other place in the Pacific northwest; every variety of scenery is familiar to Victorians—the calm and pleasing pastoral to the stern, the imposing and the majestic."



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF VICTORIA CITY AND SUBURBS.

AS RESIDENCE OR RESORT

Victoria Presents a Combination of Attractions Difficult to Equal and Impossible to Surpass.

To see and properly appreciate Victoria, not a day's visit or a week's but a month's residence at the very least is necessary. Of course a surface glimpse may be had of the town's stereotype attractions by the visitor who must be here to-day and away to-morrow, but he who would know the city as it is, must for all the time at his disposal become a Victorian and enter into the pleasures and pursuits of his fellow-citizens.

The parks will of course claim first attention, for that is in the natural order of things. Here, as in the city's drives, residential buildings and private gardens, the conspicuous love of beauty for its own sake is apparent. Beacon Hill Park has few rivals on the continent: Mount Tolmie and Cedar Hill have special and strong attractions of their own, commanding superb views of land and water and being as yet rich in all the lavish beauties of unrobbed and luxuriant nature. In Beacon Hill Park alone upwards of three hundred acres are contained, the land having been set aside long years ago by Sir James Douglas, who realized its adaptability as a public park and determined that it should remain such for the use of the generations to follow him.

The ground is partly wooded, partly hill and partly level clearing for the use of the many exponents of athletic sport, who supply animated life to the picture through all the summer months. Intersecting each other according to a well considered plan are well-kept avenues lined by royal oaks over whose heads centuries have passed, while miniature lakes, green lawns, pebbly beaches, rustic nooks and lounging places innumerable contribute to the comfort and pleasure of park habitues. The sides of the Hill proper afford a recreation ground for the city unsurpassed for cricket, baseball and kindred sport; the zoological collection in connection with the park is large and fairly complete, containing representatives of many of the birds and beasts native to the province; and the air of this magnificent breathing spot of the city is as pure and uncontaminated as that of a home in the country far removed from city sights and summer vexations.

Small wonder is it therefore that through nine months of the year almost each day witnesses the meeting of hundreds and thousands of Victoria's citizens at the park, where they enjoy the shade of the ever green trees, listen to the music of the band, are spectators of the sports of the juniors, and enjoy life to its fullness in the manner most beneficial to healthy organisms.

The Gorge, formed by the outgoing and incoming tides on Victoria Arm, a continuation of the harbor which runs inland from the sea to all but connect with Esquimalt harbor four or five miles away, is another place of resort alike popular with citizens and visitors. Here it is that bathing might with very little trouble be made most enjoyable, the waters of the open straits being usually too chill for a comfortable dip, and here it is that the Queen's Birthday regattas for which Victoria is famed all along the coast, are annually contested.

Beautiful drives extend from the city in all directions—to Oak Bay and Esquimalt (connected by electric tram line and at the first of which are a first-class summer hotel and a splendid recreation park), to Goldstream, twelve miles away; to Cadboro and Cordova Bays, and to Albert Head and Metchosin, this latter road skirting the sea coast, being one of the most charming drives in all Canada.

Esquimalt, but three or four miles distant from the city and separated from it by a recently fortified peninsula, is famous the world over as the headquarters, coaling and supply station of the British fleet in North Pacific waters, and as containing the largest and most admirably equipped graving dock on the coast, jointly maintained by the Imperial and Dominion governments and capable of receiving the largest vessel that floats on the neighboring ocean. The officers of the fleet show every courtesy to sight-seeing visitors and afford them all possible facilities for inspecting the great men-of-war always to be found at anchor in the ample and beautiful harbor. The same opportunity of inspection cannot of course be afforded by the officers in charge of the recently constructed land fortifications occupying the Macaulay Point peninsula, and which are now receiving their massive modern ordnance.

These fortifications are the reverse of imposing, but illustrate the most modern system of defense works, and in combination with the naval force always at command on the station render the harbors of Victoria and Esquimalt safe from the possibility of successful attack by the strongest combined fleet that might under any circumstances be sent to menace them. The works so far as the general public comprehend them, consist chiefly of a series of wells or shafts, subterraneally connected, in each of which is mounted one of the latest and best pieces of artillery. These are placed on Eswick hydro pneumatic disappearing carriages which rise from the earth with the guns and their operating crews or firing squads, remain exposed only long enough for the sighting and firing of the piece, then sinking into the safety of the earth, the maximum of execution thus being obtained with a minimum of exposure for the defenders of the station. The line of fire from these new fortifications extends upwards of four miles, so that their importance may be realized. Attached to this department of British force in Victoria are a number of men of the Royal Marine Artillery as well as of the Royal Engineers, their showy uniforms and stalwart figures being familiar enough on the city streets.

There need be no dull day in a stay of several weeks in Victoria, nor any day in which profit may not be conveniently combined with amusement. The yachtsman or canoeist finds ideally beautiful waters on which to sail his graceful craft; the cyclist or horseman has his choice of any number of delightful and well kept roads; the fishing enthusiast not only may but commonly does catch kingly salmon within a stone's throw of the wharves at the entrance to the harbor, and in the rivers and fresh water lakes adjoining the city a great variety of sport with the rod is afforded. Within easy reach, too, at the proper season the hunter can indulge at will in the pleasures of the chase, finding, besides all manner of game birds, panther, bear and deer, the last-named being surprisingly plentiful and of splendid size and proportions. The term "a sportsman's paradise" has a literal meaning when applied to this island of Vancouver. Casual visitors, who come to spend only a few days, of course cannot indulge in the variety of pastimes above indicated, but for them an equally enticing short programme can be mapped out.

Overlooking James bay and the inner harbor, the new buildings of the Provincial government are now nearing completion, and command immediate and general interest by their architectural beauty, their modernness of design and their solid massiveness, showing in strong contrast with the modest brick structures, somewhat Oriental in appearance, erected in the early days of the colony and made to serve the purposes of the fast growing province up to the present. The new postoffice and custom house, placed directly opposite the parliament buildings and grounds and separated from them by the bay, is also worthy of more than casual attention, being another conspicuous example of modern architecture, to which the city may well point with pride.

For the stranger particularly the most interesting of the provincial institutions is, however, the geological and natural history museum, where can be seen at a glance the splendid types of wild animals peculiar to the province and the wonderful variety of its birds, fishes, plant life, fossils and moluscs. The mineral section, containing samples of gold and silver ore from the most famous mines of British Columbia is also well worth examination, and a department of special interest is that devoted to Indian curiosities, which is well-stocked with quaintly carved totem poles, images of birds, beasts and men, held sacred in the mythology of the Pacific coast tribes; their implements of warfare, of domestic use and of ornamentation. The many strange stories which might be woven about these relics, and illustrating the Indian beliefs would themselves fill many interesting volumes.

Then there are the hospitals, the churches, the orphanages, the schools, the colleges, the law courts, the public library, the convent and large business establishments, each and all of which are worthy of inspection and will repay the visitor for time spent therein.

Cosmopolitan to a marked degree, this Queen City of the West has, too, for the visitor attractions peculiar to itself, not matched or rivalled elsewhere in America. The Englishman is gratified to find that "English" ways are more strictly observed here than in any other place he has seen since leaving "home"; but alongside this type of the highest European civilization this Canadian community presents the strong contrast afforded by the thickly populated Chinese quarter, the quaint-looking Japanese, and the native Indians. The steam and sailing ships plying from all parts of the world contribute men of all nations to the population of this city, the result being most interesting to the observer of the widely varying habits and characteristics of the races represented. In the foreign population the Chinese of course predominate, and their local institutions, their frequent national festivals, their theatre and their "joss-houses" are an unfailing source of wonder and entertainment to the stranger.

Abreast of the times in all respects Victoria in many ways exceeds the visitor's expectations. Its chief hotels are a constant source of surprise, being in their appointments equal to the best to be found in the largest cities, and as their patrons may choose either the European or the American plan, every purse is suited. Electric tramways lead in all directions, and the electric lights turn night into day so far as the facilities for travel about town are concerned. The business places would in equipment and appearance do credit to any great centre of trade, and the buildings for religious and educational purposes are of the most modern type.

OUR COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGES.

Many Factors Combine to Make Victoria the Center of Trade for the Entire Province.

While considering the many social, climatic and scenic advantages possessed by Victoria, making it a thoroughly delightful place of residence, the commercial side of the picture must not be overlooked. The "city by the sea" is the business as well as the social and political capital, the primary reasons for this fact being so plain and self-evident as to be easily understood even by the least astute of observers. First of all, it is the key to the fast developing trade of the Dominion with the Orient, Alaska, Hawaii and Australasia. Then, again, it is the headquarters of the seal-hunting, the salmon canning and the deep sea fishing industries, each of which contributes materially to the prosperity of its citizens. It is, too, the home of the leading importers and wholesale merchants of the province, and the vast volume of its imports foreign is almost balanced by the contributions to the markets of the world which its productive industries make possible. Although ranking far from the top so far as population is concerned, Victoria takes fifth place among the cities of all Canada in commercial importance, measured by the not-to-be-disputed standard of contributions in customs dues to the federal revenue. During last year alone the exports from this city reached a total valuation of $2,355,065 and the imports $2,388,571—and 1895 was far from being a notably successful or prosperous year. It was, in fact, a twelvemonth of reverses, the partial failure of the sealing and the forwarding to Eastern Canada direct of Kootenay's gold, heretofore sent to the States via Victoria, contributing, with the general trade depression, to reduce the value of Victoria's exports. Three million a year will, in round figures, express the average value of these exports, while $2,500,000 will stand similarly for the imports. A contribution to the Canadian treasury of $620,984 in Customs duties alone and of $42,500 in Post Offices receipts—last year's official figures being quoted—emphasizes most forcibly the importance and the sterling worth of Victoria's trade. The even distribution of business throughout the year may be gathered from the appended table of Custom House figures for 1895:

Months.	Exports.	Imports.	Collections.
January	$ 43,656	$161,489	$45,743
February	61,652	151,863	38,769
March	29,361	191,680	53,332
April	29,075	343,765	69,507
May	134,696	300,915	61,142
June	122,514	168,057	51,715
July	240,766	189,385	54,298
August	147,765	196,774	60,039
September	208,340	193,539	62,174
October	1,027,155	185,911	61,075
November	144,350	230,204	64,593
December	155,728	175,129	52,373

In the branches of trade governed by the department of Inland Revenue too a healthy and unchanged condition of development is shown by the official returns, the summary statement of collections for the past two years of Division No. 37, Victoria, being as below:

Months.	1894.	1895
January	$11,395 06	$10,586 68
February	8,182 59	10,224 99
March	20,257 28	13,545 93
April	6,271 32	10,488 75
May	9,166 82	12,710 35
June	6,241 96	13,637 19
July	17,911 55	15,856 14
August	13,859 55	16,404 46
September	14,451 85	12,399 38
October	14,352 85	15,161 44
November	11,882 22	12,787 53
December	14,317 00	11,068 50
Total	$148,231 00	$154,871 34

Two especially prominent features of Victoria's trade, the sealing and the salmon canning, demand by reason of their importance more than general notice. Both industries referred to were created, nurtured and developed by the enterprise of Victoria's business men, and it is but natural that the entire province should now point with pride to them as typical British Columbia features of trade, which have no doubt done more to advertise the resources of the province in all quarters of the globe than the vast majority have any idea of. The salmon canners are constantly looking out for new fields for the display of their enterprise, and hence it is that the value of the streams of the west coast of this island is now coming to be recognized, with the settling up of the contiguous country as a natural sequence. Last season Clayoquot contributed 3,300 cases of excellent fish to the total salmon pack of 600,881 for the province, and this year Vancouver Island's product will be trebled or quadrupled. The greater portion of British Columbia's salmon must continue to be forwarded to the world's markets from Victoria, no matter were the fish are caught and put up, and it appears that Victoria's business men are not likely ever to be deprived of their proud position as the salmon kings of the world. Last season showed an immense development of this important branch of trade, the output for the year being 600,881 cases as contrasted with 491,371 for the previous season.

In the sealing 68 vessels are at present employed, 61 having been engaged during 1895, representing a fleet of 3,892 tons, which give a means of livelihood to 788 whites and 854 Indian hunters. There were 70,739 skins secured during the last season, 18,687 of these being brought from the Japanese coast, 9,853 represent-

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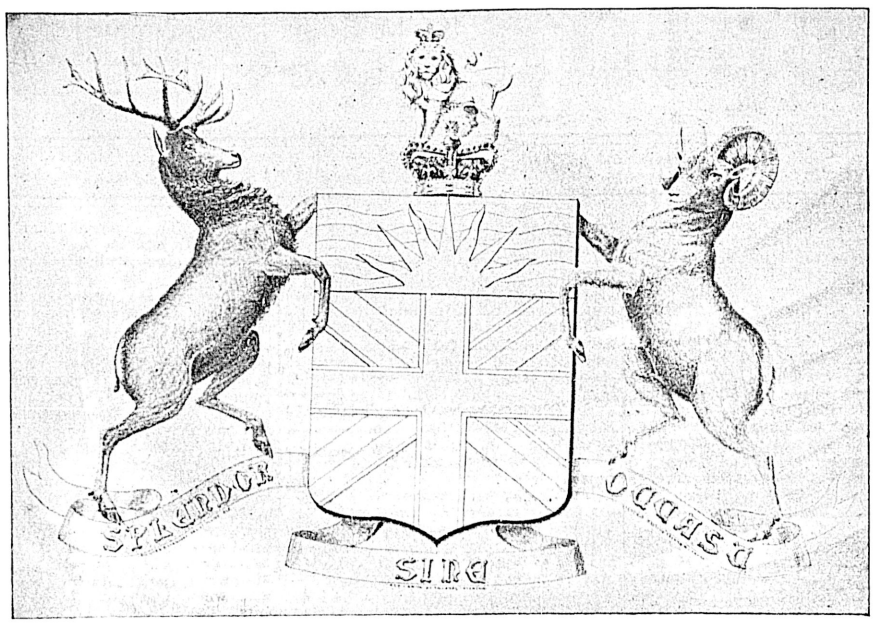


THE COAT-OF-ARMS OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE HUDSON'S BAY CO.

The Pioneer Traders of the Pacific Northwest.

In the opening up of the Northern portion of the American Continent, one of the most potent factors has been the Hudson's Bay Company, whose history, for a period of over two and a quarter centuries, may be said to be the history of the great Canadian Northwest. "The Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay," which is still the official title of this organization, was formed in 1670 during the reign of King Charles II. and was composed of Prince Rupert, a cousin of the King, and a few intimate friends. The company was vested with the exclusive right of trading in Rupert's Land, then embracing all the lands drained by the Hudson's Bay and its tributaries, and of this land they had the sole proprietorship, carrying on fur-trading unmolested for over a century; but the advance of civilization in Eastern Canada brought opposition. A band of business men jealous of the prosperity of the company, organized the Northwest Company of Montreal in 1783, and carried on a similar business. The new company rapidly grew, and proved a formidable rival in the hitherto undisputed field. These companies, vieing with each other for the wealth which lay in the furs of the country, soon began to extend the limits of their fields of operation, and penetrated far into wilds hitherto untrodden by man. Northwest they travelled to the Arctic Ocean, and then turned toward the Southwest and the Pacific Ocean. Forts were built at intervals along their trails, and on the sites of these have sprung up some of the largest and most flourishing Canadian and American cities. In 1806-7 Simon Fraser crossed the Rockies and reached the Pacific Coast by following the course of the Fraser River, which bears his name. Trade rapidly developed on the Coast, and when, in 1821, the two opposing companies were consolidated, their efforts were redoubled. Astoria, which takes its name from John Jacob Astor, the founder of the American Fur Company, from which sprung up the Astor Millions of to-day, was the first Post chosen as the headquarters of the company in the west. In 1824 James John McLoughlin, the then Chief Factor of the company here, removed the headquarters to Fort Vancouver, at the mouth of the Columbia, near where Portland now stands. Again, in 1842, the headquarters of this district were changed, this time Victoria, then Fort Comosack, was chosen, and has always remained so since. To chronicle the various changes which took place in this great company, and the causes which brought about these changes, would no doubt prove of exceptional interest to our readers, if space permitted us to do so, but the chronicling of such details belong to the historian, and to that source we must refer all who would go further into the Hudson's Bay Company's past; we must confine ourselves to the present. When we find to-day so much discord in the governing of countries completely under civilization's sway, it is all the more surprising to contemplate the serene manner in which this company controlled its lands and its affairs. From the establishing of Fort Charles in 1668, each year saw new forts established, the limits of operations expanded, until this great region was dotted with hundreds of trading posts, all governed by and responsible to one head. Here was a territory, for the most part trackless wilds, covering an area as large as the continent of Europe, controlled entirely by a single band of adventurers. They went where they pleased unmolested, and traded with the most blood-thirsty savages. Here stood a small picket in the heart of unexplored, almost inaccessible, regions, guarded by a dozen men and surrounded by Indians that outnumbered them one hundred to one, and yet affairs moved along in the smoothest manner and the savages, instead of being hostile, were made their firmest friends. The company was composed of honorable men who always kept their promises, even if made to a savage, and, despite the fact that horrible butcheries of whites occurred in the western wilds, the Indians ever remained staunch and true to the Hudson's Bay Company; and the clock-work regulating of affairs and honorable methods of the past day are as strikingly characteristic of the company at the present time as they were then. Though no longer the absolute monarchs of a continent, the company is still a powerful and extensive organization, doing business in all parts of Canada, and contributing very largely to her wealth and commercial prominence. As the fur trading has decreased, the company has grown stronger in mercantile lines. The head offices in Canada of the company are at Winnipeg, and the Governor is Sir Donald A. Smith. The Chief Executive Officer in Canada is the Commissioner, Mr. C. C. Chipman, who resides in Winnipeg, and from there controls the whole business of the company. The headquarters of the western department are in Victoria, the general manager of which is Mr. R. H. Hall. The western department includes all British Columbia, and the principal points at which the company does business are: Victoria, Vancouver, Langley, Kamloops, Vernon, Nelson, Quesnelle, Fort George, Fraser's Lake, Stewart's Lake, McLeod's Lake, Fort Grahame, Babine, Hazelton, Port Simpson, Massett, etc. All the fur collections are sent to Victoria from as far east as the Peace river, and from here shipped to London. The greater part of the supplies for these various posts are forwarded from Victoria. The premises at Wharf street, Victoria, are very spacious and convenient to the company's extensive wharf frontage, from which a large part of the shipping trade of Victoria is done. In addition to supplying the requirements of the various posts already mentioned, the Hudson's Bay carries on here a general wholesale business in groceries, wines and liquors, and general merchandise, the supplies coming direct from England, America, Japan, China, and all the principal markets of the world. The annual turnover of goods amounts to about $1,000,000. Another important branch of the company's business, and one for which they have particular facilites, is that of receiving and selling the fur seal skins brought to this port. Their extensive warehouse accomodation in close proximity to the wharves enables them to handle the skins easily and quickly at Victoria, and in London also their large premises and experienced employees permit them to handle and assort the skins with the greatest possible advantage to the shippers. When it is remembered that they have resident representatives, both in Victoria and London, thoroughly conversant with the trade, and when the long established reputation of the company and their well-known character for fair dealing with all classes are taken into consideration, it is gratifying to all concerned to know that, last season, the company successfully sold no less than 36,000 fur seal skins. Besides their mercantile business, the company has valuable real estate holdings in and about Victoria and throughout the country, from which they derive a handsome revenue. Mr. R. H. Hall, the general manager of the western department, has lived in British Columbia for the past twenty-five years. He was born in Londonderry, in the North of Ireland, and came to America when quite young. He has been for the most of his time in this country identified with the Hudson's Bay Company, and has done a great deal to advance their interests here. He has always taken an active interest in the city's welfare. He was a member of the Provincial Legislature under the last Government, and has been for eighteen years a Justice of the Peace.

B. C. District Telegraph Co.

The head offices of this company are located at Vancouver, the Victoria branch having been in operation some five years. This concern transacts a general messenger service, having messenger calls in all the leading business houses and residences in the city. Their system is most perfect and the splendid service rendered by the company has been such as to make it a great necessity both in business and private life. The company delivers all dispatches for the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company. They employ here from twelve to eighteen people and their business is constantly increasing as its benefits becomes better known. The head office is at 34 Fort street, where reliable messengers for whatever purposes may be secured. The Victoria branch of this business is in the hands of Mr. F. G. White. He was formerly connected with the firm of Messrs. G. C. Shaw & Co., wholesale commission agents.

VICTORIA HOTELS.

Victoria is Well Supplied with Hotel Accommodation.

The Driard.

At the corner of View and Broad streets stands the Driard Hotel, the finest hostelrie in Victoria and with no superior in this part of the North-west. No hotel is better known to the travelling public than the Driard. It was originally established many years ago and was noted as the only first-class hotel north of San Francisco, on the Pacific Coast. Under the present management the popularity of the house so rapidly increased that its accommodations soon were inadequate to the demand and in 1885 the "theatre addition" was built. In 1891 the new Driard was erected and is with no exceptions, the finest business structure in the city. It is a massive, six-story, brick and stone structure of very handsome architectural proportions and no Broadway or Fifth Avenue, New York hotel is more thoroughly modern and complete in its appointment and equipment. The broad, tiled corridors, the luxuriously furnished reading and waiting rooms; the great public parlors and numerous, cozy private parlors, the table-d'hote dining-room, with its artistic decorations and vari colored lights; the cafe, the private dining parlors and banqueting rooms; and the 225 large, bright and handsome guest rooms, single and en suit, from the windows of many of which the most delightful scenery of this beautiful region may be viewed, all represent the acme of modern luxury and suggest the most lavish outlay. The dining hall can seat 350 people. The house is heated by steam, lighted by gas and electric light (from its own plant), contains swift elevators; has baths and hot and cold water in every room, and the furnishings throughout are rich and elegant. The new Driard cost over a quarter of a million dollars. The menu of the table is celebrated among travellers.

The Hotel Victoria.

One of our best conducted and most justly popular hotels is the Victoria, which is a great favorite with both tourists and commercial travellers. The Victoria was opened four years ago, and has had a most prosperous career. The present proprietor, Mr. J. P. Byrne, took hold January 1st of this year, and under his liberal management the hotel has become even more popular. The Victoria is a handsome three-story white brick building, erected according to the latest sanitary improvements. It possesses eighty four guest rooms, arranged single and en suite. The appointments are most elegant, every room being luxuriously furnished. The hotel is provided with every modern convenience, including reading room, cafe and dining room, hot baths, etc. Particular attention is paid to the dining hall, and Mr. Byrne has earned an enviable reputation as an expert caterer. The Victoria is conducted both on the American and European plans, and every effort is made to please patrons. Mr. Byrne was born in London, Ontario. He has been in Victoria for six years, and is well known in this section of the country as a most admirable and popular host.

Mount Baker Hotel.

The leading summer hotel in the neighborhood of Victoria, and most moderate on the coast, is the "Mount Baker," located at Oak Bay, twenty minutes distance from Victoria. This house was opened on May 24th 1893. It stands on an eminence, overlooking the splendid scenery of Oak Bay, and is surrounded by ten acres of grounds, containing tennis courts, club grounds, pigeon traps, swings, etc., while the grand old oaks, which are grouped here and there on the lawns and along the broad walks, provide shady retreats and add to the beauty of the place. The hotel is a handsome four story structure, 220 feet by 87 feet deep, with broad, 18 foot, balconies running round the first and second stories. There are in all 86 guest rooms single and en-suite and most of these are provided with private baths, while all are luxuriously furnished. The dining hall, overlooking the bay, is a lofty, finely decorated appartment, where 150 guests can be seated. The house throughout is decorated and furnished with exquisite taste. Every modern convenience is provided. The grounds are lighted by electricity and a splendid band plays here twice a week during summer. There is a fine boat house in connection and bathing at the beach is excellent.

The Wilson Hotel.

One of the popular hotels of our city is "The Wilson," Messrs. McCabe & Irving, proprietors, 90-94 Yates street. This house was erected in 1891 and is in every respect modern. The building is a spacious, brick and stone structure, and besides the office and reading room, bar, dining room and cafe, etc., contains fifty large, bright, guest rooms, single and en suite. Baths are provided on every floor. The dining hall will seat 100 people and the menu includes the choicest delicacies. The house is run on American and European plan and the rates are very moderate. Mr. W. H. McCabe came here from Brainerd, Minn., in October, 1893, while Mr. G. M. Irving has lived here for years. Both are popular with the travelling public.

Occidental Hotel.

This well-known hostelrie is again in the hands of Mr. William Jensen, whose reputation as a successful hotel manager is second to no other in the Province. The Occidental was overhauled throughout last November and now presents an appearance that entitles it to foremost mention. It is splendidly situated at the corner of Wharf and Johnson streets, and faces the wharves of the California and Puget Sound steamers. It is a fine two story brick building, 100 x 150 feet in area, and has accomodation for 100 guests. The rates range from $1.00 to $1.50 per day. The hotel is now elegantly furnished and contains every modern improvement, including electric lights, electric call bells, etc. Mr. Jensen started and named this hotel, which was formerly the Royal, in 1877 and after several years of success rented it out, establishing the "Dallas." Last November he again assumed the management of the Occidental, and patrons may expect the same good treatment that has made the "Dallas" such a prominent success. Mr. Jensen is an old hotel man and is well known as a most agreeable host.

The Original Gem Restaurant.

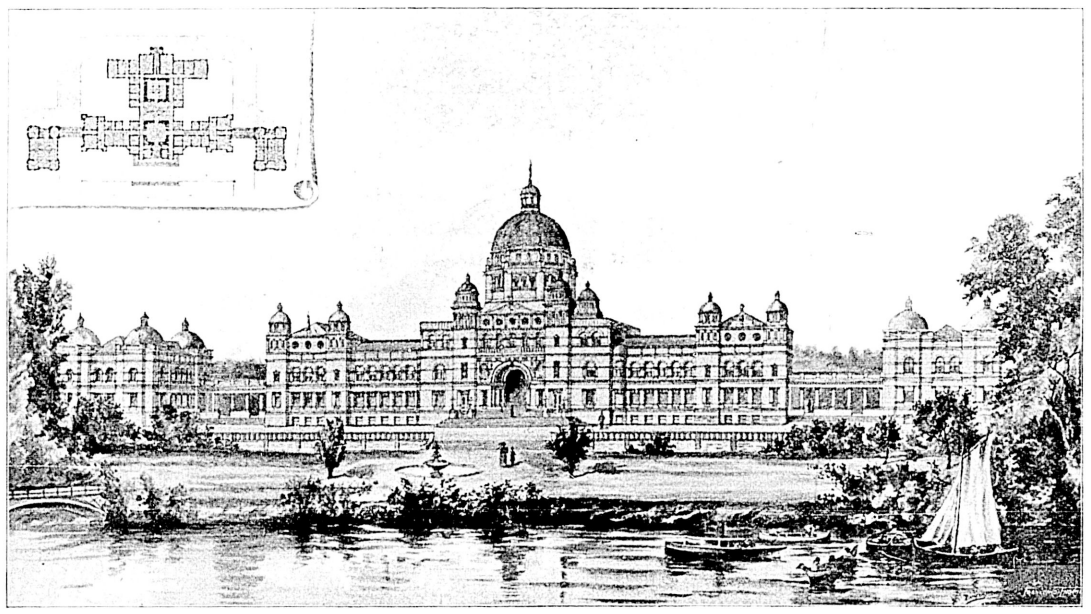
One of our well patronized restaurants is the "Original Gem Restaurant," on Yates street near Broad. This enterprise was established about two years ago, and owing to the high class of food it offers its patrons and the general excellence of its management, has made a good success. The restaurant is well appointed and provided with private dining rooms for ladies or gentlemen. Mr. E. G. Walker, the proprietor, came here from Seattle. He is experienced and to his enterprising management is due the success of this popular restaurant. The house is open day and night.

The Willows.

One of the most popular road houses around Victoria is "The Willows," located on Cadboro Bay road. Mr. William Elliott established this house about twenty-five years ago and in December, 1895, Mr. W. H. Wright, the present proprietor, took possession. The house is located twenty minutes' distance from town at the end of the street car line and is a favorite resort for outing parties, sportsmen, etc., as well as being popular as a summer hotel. Besides the several large, airy, well-furnished guest rooms there are spacious dining rooms, parlors, bar, etc., and the house is provided with all conveniences. The rates are very moderate. The race track and exhibition buildings are within one minute's walk of the hotel, and good stabling is provided for those who wish to speed horses in the ring. A specialty is made of providing for special dinner parties, banquets, etc. Adjoining the hotel are the Wandering Kennels owned by Mr. Wright. He breeds cocker spaniels, and has always on hand pups, from pedigree dogs, which are equal to any of this class on the Pacific coast. All orders are filled promptly and pedigrees guaranteed. Pups are sent from these kennels to all parts of the country. Mr. Wright was born in Victoria, but has had hotel experience in Seattle, San Francisco and other American cities. He was for two years bar-tender at the Driard. Mr. Wright is a member of the Canadian and American Kennel Clubs.

Prof. Rene Quentin.

Victorians are to be congratulated upon having in their midst an artist of such acknowledged ability as Prof. Rene Quentin, whose studio is at 102 Government street, near Yates street. Professor Rene Quentin was born in Paris and is the son of a well-known Parisian artist. From his father Prof. Quentin received his first instruction in art, and afterwards studied at L'Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris, and was a pupil of J. L. Gerome and J. P. Lawrents. He is a portrait, figure and landscape painter, and is a master in all three branches. Coming to America Prof. Quentin first located in Montreal and and Ottawa, and did a great deal of historical fresco work in the legislative hall of the Dominion Parliament buildings and painted a portrait of the speaker of the house at that time. Finding the climate of the east too severe Prof. Quentin removed to Victoria three years ago. His work here is too well known to require lengthy comment. He did all the scenery painting (8 scenes) in the Workingmen's hall, and is now engaged on a life size portrait of Queen Victoria, taken from her latest photograph, which will shortly be exhibited. Prof. Quentin, it is believed, will be awarded the contract for the historical frescoes to adorn the legislative hall of the new parliament buildings. He has letters of recommendation to the Governor from his late teacher, J. L. Gerome, whose fame as an artist is world-wide, and whose recommendation therefore speak volumes for the worth of Prof Quentin. He was two years professor of the Arts and Manufactures School in Montreal. Prof. Quentin conducts the Ladies' Art Club at Nanaimo and the recent exhibition of their work at his studio showed wonderful advancement.



NEW PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA, B. C.

THE BANKS OF VICTORIA.

Good solid banks are a first essential to the success of any place which aims to command recognition in the commercial world, and good solid banks and financial institutions generally, Victoria is fortunate in possessing. In fact she has no other kind, nor does she want any.

It is to the unquestioned character and standing of the banking institutions doing business here that the city owes in a large measure its own excellent credit, and it is to the safe and conservative policy pursued by these banks that may be traced the ability of Victoria's business houses to stand firm and secure when the crash of the less well-founded commercial institutions led the people of the neighboring states to question the stability of any business enterprise.

Of the three banks transacting business in Victoria at the present time, the Bank of British Columbia may be mentioned first as being a development of the province, to which the province may point with pride. This institution has its headquarters in Victoria with branches at every other important point in the province and at many places on the coast. It is incorporated under royal charter with a capital of $3,000,000 and has a reserve fund of over a million.

The Bank of British North America of which Victoria has had an agency since 1839, was established so long ago as 1836, and also does business under royal charter, having a capital of £1,000,000 and a reserve fund of £265,000. Mr. G. H. Burns, the resident manager in Victoria, has for the past eighteen years been identified with the financial life of the city, all of this time in association with the bank of which to-day he is a valued officer.

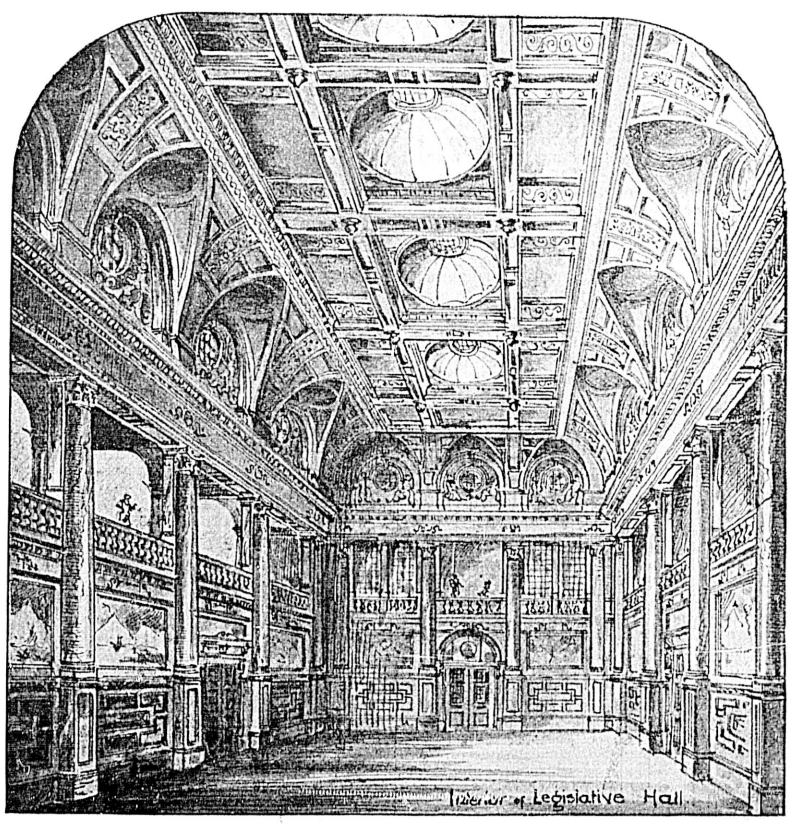
Last to enter the field for Victoria business is the great Bank of Montreal, a purely Canadian institution, incorporated under act of parliament in 1817, with a paid up capital of $12,000,000 and a reserve fund of half of this immense sum. The Bank of Montreal at present occupies modest quarters at the corner of Government and Bastion streets, but there is a well defined report current that the next few years will see a change and the coming of 1900 will find the Victoria branch established in new and more commodious as well as more comfortable premises.

Each of these banks has excellent facilities for obtaining cheap money in the largest markets of the world, where lower rates of interest naturally obtain than in a new land. Each has too manifested a disposition to lend all the aid possible to the development of British Columbia, and each has contributed its full share to the material prosperity of the province. The gradual working out of the small private banks into incorporations working under the Dominion banking act, acknowledged to be the best on the continent, is certainly a subject for hearty congratulation.

Of the loan and financial associations doing business in this city, it may be said that like the banks they are amongst the strongest in existence. Well managed, with plenty of capital, and operated on reliable, conservative business lines they command their full share of legitimate investments—nor will they touch anything else.

Bank of Montreal.

The Bank of Montreal operates branch houses at Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, Vernon, Nelson, and in all the principal cities in Canada. It has also branches in London, Eng., New York and Chicago. Its capital is $12,000,000.00 which is further augmented by the reserve fund of $6,000,000.00. The bank conducts a general banking business, making collections on all points, receiving deposits, buying and selling sterling exchange, and cable transfers, granting commercial and travellers' credits, available in any part of the world. The Victoria branch was established in 1891, though the Vancouver branch had been in operation since 1887. The bank has proved of the utmost advantage to Victoria and in fact all British Columbia, and its saving's department, paying 3 per cent. interest is a popular depository. Mr. A. J. E. Galletly is manager of the local branch. He was formerly manager of the branch at Brantford, Ont. He is well known in financial and commercial circles and is highly esteemed.



FATHERS OF THE COUNTRY

Its Wholesale Merchants Furnish Its History.

THE EVOLUTION OF A GREAT CITY

Thoroughly In Touch With All Projects Looking to the Development of the Rich and Varied Resources of This Most Western Province of the Dominion.

Those who seek to find the mainspring of the prosperity of any great trading centre, and who search its history industriously to its earliest date, will in the great majority of cases discover that location is the primary secret of the success of cities. They will discover, too, if their investigations concern any busy centre of population where ships come and go, that long before the white man introduced his methods of purchase and sale, the Indians made their rendezvous on the site of the future city to exchange the products of the chase or the handiwork of their industrious womankind.

This was the fact with regard to San Francisco, Seattle and Tacoma, on the coast; it was the fact, too in Canada, Halifax on the Atlantic seaboard, Montreal, Toronto, London, Winnipeg and other important radial points of business and population having been each in its turn an exemplification of the rule.

Nor is Victoria an exception. When the traders of the Hudson's Bay Company paid their first visits to Vancouver Island they found here an established meeting place of the various northern coast tribes, and when they transferred from Astoria the headquarters of their Pacific trade, it was the fact that the Songhees Indians had their big village where it even yet remains on Victoria harbor, that led them to erect their warehouses and their fort here in order to buy and sell from the aboriginal inhabitants.

The supply centre thus established by the Songhees, and maintained and developed by the early pioneers of European trade in the far west, has ever since continued as the recognized commercial headquarters of the tributary country, a district so extensive as at present to include not only the entire province but a large portion of the Northwest Territories and the far north country even to within the Arctic circle.

As the development of this vast territory has progressed and consumers have multiplied everywhere within its boundaries, Victoria has continued to grow, keeping pace with the evolution of the country out of the wilderness, and retaining its promenance as its natural outfitting point. Of course the development of British Columbia has been in large measure the result of the enterprise of Victoria's wholesalers who have from the infancy of the city lost no opportunity to assist in the upbuilding of the country whose success meant their own continued prosperity. In the early days of the Fraser river gold rush, of the Cariboo fever, and of the exodus to Cassiar, miners and prospectors, with the small storekeepers who accompanied them to the mines, found Victoria's business houses ever ready to aid them in their struggles to wrest the treasures of nature from her alluvial rocks and streams.

The demands of the miners in turn gave birth to not a few large and important trading houses making Victoria their headquarters, the majority of these, established in the early "sixties" remaining in existence to-day, solid in every sense and commanding the confidence and respect of the commercial world — although, save with the exception of Messrs. M. Strauss & Co., J. H. Todd & Son, and possibly one or two others under other names to-day, than those of the far-seeing men who were their founders.

The large and profitable trade created by the miners decreased in time as the gold output annually grew less or found an outlet through new channels, and the wholesalers of Victoria then cast about for fresh avenues into which to profitably divert their capital and in which to display their sterling business ability. Hence it is that the coal mining was taken up and became one of the great productive industries of the province; that the salmon canneries came into existence, one by one to supply the markets of the world with a delicacy now classed as almost a necessity; that British Columbia timber has taken its place in every quarter of the globe as the best that is obtainable; and that the sealing and deep-sea fishing have been brought to their present satisfactory proportions.

And while thus employing every means at hand for the upbuilding of this western country, Victoria's wholesalers have never once forgotten the special trade which brought their houses into existence. As in the olden, golden days, the new mining camps of the province continue to look upon Victoria as their legitimate base of supplies, from Kootenay to the Yukon, from Alberni to Cariboo. And so they must continue to regard this city so long as it retains—as it is likely to for centuries to come—its established position as the commercial capital of the Pacific province.

Turner, Beeton & Co.

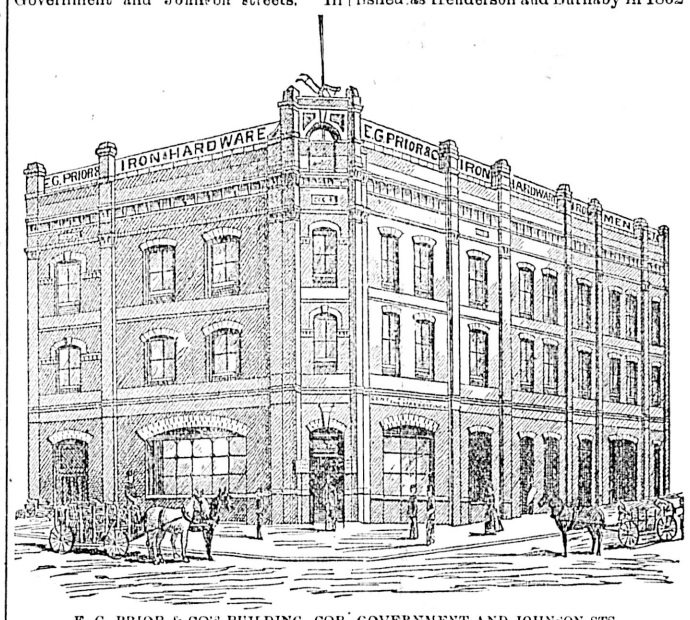
Of the many enterprises that have been instrumental in bringing about Victoria's prominence in the commercial and industrial world none have played a more important part than the firm of Turner, Beeton & Co., general merchants, shippers and commission agents, whose offices are at the foot of Yates street. The development of this enterprise has been almost phenomenal Each year has seen it make progressive strides to the fore, each year has seen its trade limits broaden, its trade connections grow stronger, until to-day it is known and carries on business in almost all parts of the world. Their premises consist of a large four-story building, 75x125 feet in area, modern and complete in appointment and equipment, and in addition to this they have five bonded warehouses on the water front. They have in all 300 feet of water frontage, and this furnishes them with excellent facilities for the loading and unloading of the numerous steamers and vessels that and always at their wharves. The firms interests are almost as varied as they are extensive. They carry on a large salmon canning business and own the "Inverness" cannery, as well as being agents for the "Balmoral," "Lulu Island," "Terra Nova," "Fishermen's Canning Co." and other canneries on the Skeena and Fraser Rivers. They are importers and exporters of general merchandise and are agents for the following well-known houses:—M. R. Foster & Sons, London, Eng.; Geo Wostenholme & Sons, Ltd., Sheffield, Eng.; Williams, Humbolldt & Co., London, Eng.; Doulton & Co., London, Eng.; Jonas Brooks Bros., Huddersfield, Eng.; Wm. Jamieson & Co., Dublin, Ireland; Boutbleau & Co., Barbezieux, France; G. Preller & Co., Bordeaux France; Cockburn, Smithers & Co., London and Oporto; Robt. Brown of Glasgow, 4 Crown whiskey. The Guardian and the North British and Mercantile Fire Insurance Companies, of London, Eng.; and other equally important organizations are represented by the firm The firm make specialties of dry goods, liquors, mining requisites and hop growers' supplies Indents are executed for any description of European goods The London offices are at 33 Finsbury Circus. The firm established a branch store at Nelson, B. C, last year, with a view of diverting the trade in mining and general supplies from the United States to this province. Goods for this branch store are shipped direct from Europe. China, Japan, etc., and are taken out of bond there. This store is under the management of Mr. R B. Thomson. The members of the firm of Turner. Beeton & Company are Messrs. J. H. Turner, Lawrence Kirk and G. Alan Kirk, Mr. Turner and Mr. G. A Kirk, managing affairs in Victoria, and Mr. Lawrence Kirk managing the London office Mr. Turner came to Victoria in 1862. He has various important industrial, financial and commercial interests, being among other things, president of the Okell & Morris Fruit Preserving and Confectionery Company, the largest concern of the kind in the Province. In everything pertaining to the city's weltare he takes an active interest He was one of the prime movers in forming the volunteers of B. C., and was retired with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in 1881. In 1877 he was elected to the City Council, and in 1880 to the mayoralty, filling the latter position three years In politics Mr. Turner has always been one of the ablest spirits in the province, and at present is Premier of B. C. and Minister of Agriculture and Finance.

R. P. Rithet and Co., Ltd.

Victoria is steadily growing in importance, industrially and commercially, and we have here many establishments of prominence in the commercial world. Chief among our largest business houses is that of Messrs. R. P. Rithet and Co., Ltd., an enterprise which not only transacts an immense home trade, but which is also one of the largest exporting establishments in the country. This business was founded in 1872 and has steadily grown in power until it now represents one of the leading commercial institutions in British Columbia. The office and warehouse is at 61 and 63 Wharf street, several large additional warehouses being maintained at the foot of Johnson street. The company has every facility and convenience at hand for the prompt transaction of its large business. Their foreign representatives are Welch and Co, San Francisco, and Welch, Ackerley and Co, Liverpool, Eng. Messrs. R P. Rithet and Co., Ltd., are wholesale merchants, shipping and insurance agents. They represent the Queen and Lancashire Fire Insurance Companies, the Maritime, Reliance, New Zealand, Thames and Mersey, Straits. Sun and Sea Marine Insurance Companies. They represent the Puget Sound Tug Boat Co., Port Townsend; Lloyd's, London, and the Wells, Fargo Express Co. They handle the productions of the following: Fraser, Northern, and Skeena River Canneries; Delta Canning Co.; Laidlaw and Co.; Wellington Packing Co.; Harlock Packing Co.; Wannuck Packing Co.; Standard Packing Co.; Skeena Packing Co.; Lowe Inlet Packing Co.; Cascade Packing Co., etc. They are the agents for and owners of Columbia Flour Mills of Enderby, and also of the Vernon Flour Mill at Vernon, and the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. This company is besides one of the largest importers of groceries and sugars in the province, and takes precedence over all others in exportation of British Columbia products. This company is made up of the following officers: President R P. Rithet; vice-president, R. Seabrook; secretary, James Lawson; and treasurer, R. G. Ker. Mr. R. P. Rithet came here many years ago, and his enterprise and ability have made the business what it is. He is one of the most prominent business men in British Columbia and was for seven years president of the Board of Trade. He is also an ex-Mayor of the city and is highly esteemed in social and commercial circles. Mr. Rithet is also largely interested in the sugar trade in the Sandwich Islands and has large steamboat interests. To his influence and persistent efforts is due the splendid condition of our docks. The remaining officers are well and favorably known and confine their entire time and attention to the management of the large business. Mr. Rithet is also Lloyd's agent for B. C. and Consul-General for the Hawaiian Islands.

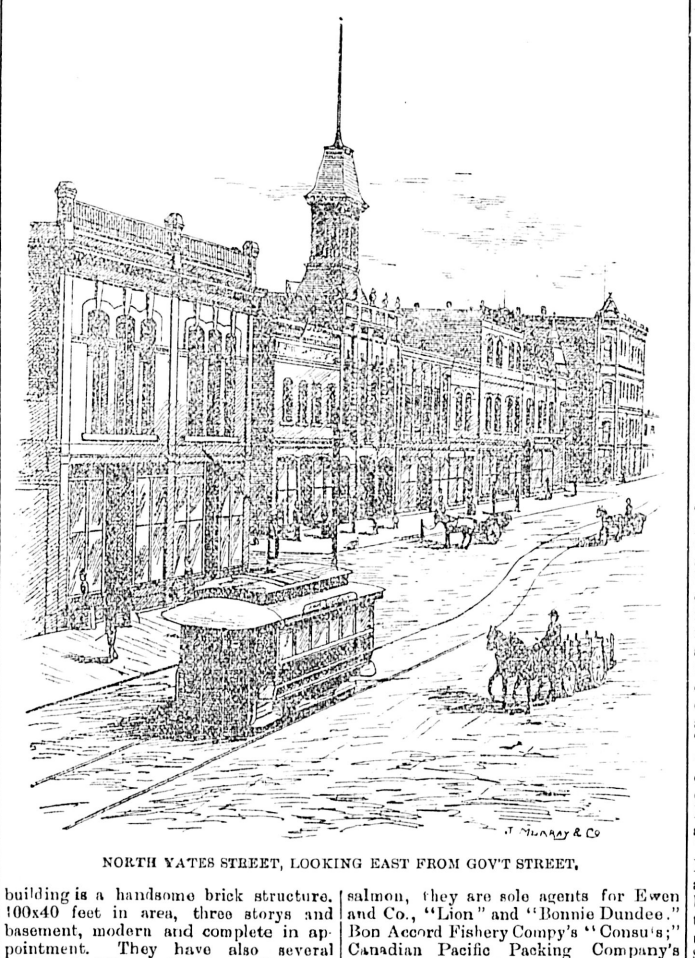
E. G. Prior & Company.

One of the most important commercial enterprises of British Columbia, is that of E. G Prior & Co., Ltd, importers of iron, steel, hardware, wagons, buggies, and agricultural implements, with main offices and salesrooms at the corner of Government and Johnson streets. In



E. G. PRIOR & CO'S BUILDING, COR. GOVERNMENT AND JOHNSON STS.

1859 this industry was founded, and through all the intervening years has been steadily developing until its present extensive proportions have been attained. Mr. Alfred Fellows inaugurated the business; in 1883 the style changed to Fellows & Prior; in 1883 Mr. Prior became sole proprietor, and in 1891 a limited liability company was formed with a capital of $250 000. The officers are: E G. Prior, President; G. F. Mathews, Vice-President; G. W. Wynne, Managing Director. They are sole agents for British Columbia for the Massey-Harris Company's steel frame binders, Toronto Mowers, Sharp's sulky rakes, seed drills; Sawyer & Massey's farm and traction engines, peerless and eclipse separators; D. M. Osborne & Co's (Auburn, N. Y.) steel frame binders, mowers, sulky rakes; St. Albans Foundry Co's tread powers and separators; Manson Campbell's Chatham fanning mills; Watson Mnfg. Co's horse powers; Frost & Wood's steel plows; Essex Centre No 30 steel beam jointer plows; Moline Plow Co's goods; Ertel's Victor hay presses; S. L. Allen & Co's Planet jr. garden and farm tools; and the wagons and carriages, etc., of the American Bain Wagon Company, Kinosa, Wis; Bain Bros. and Brantford Carriage Co. The present warehouses of the company were erected in 1891. The main



NORTH YATES STREET, LOOKING EAST FROM GOV'T STREET.

building is a handsome brick structure, 100x40 feet in area, three storys and basement, modern and complete in appointment. They have also several smaller buildings adjoining. Branches are maintained at Vancouver and Kamloops, and the trade extends all over the province. Colonel E. G. Prior, M. P., was born in Yorkshire England, and was educated as a mining engineer. He practiced his profession here for some years, and was for five years mining engineer and surveyor for the Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Co., and for two years Government Inspector of Mines. Colonel Prior is a life member of the North of England Institute of Mining and Civil Engineers, and is a lieutenant-colonel in in the 5th Regiment Canadian Artillery. In 1886 he was elected to the Legislative Assembly of B C, which office he resigned in 1888 to become a candidate for the Dominion Parliament Colonel Prior is a Conservative in politics, and in December, 1895, was granted a portfolio in the government and a seat in the Council which he accepted. Mr. G F. Mathews was born in England, and has resided here some years. He was admitted into partnership with Mr. Prior in 1886. Mr. G. W. Wynne was born in Swansea, Wales, and has lived here almost all his life. He was identified with the house for some years before becoming an officer in the company. Upon Messrs. Mathews and Wynne the active management of affairs now devolves, and to their able efforts much of the success of the company devolves.

Robert Ward & Co., Ltd.

One of the largest commercial and financial enterprises of British Columbia, is that of Robert Ward and Co., Ltd., whose offices are in Temple Building, Fort street. This business was originally established as Henderson and Burnaby in 1862 afterwards becoming Stahlschmidt and Co., and then in 1876, when Mr. Robt. Ward became a partner, changing to Stahlschmidt and Ward. In 1881 Mr. Ward became sole proprietor, and the style of Robt. Ward and Co., was assumed and continued until the forming of the present company, which was incorporated under the Companies' Act in 1890, with a large capital, and the officers are: Robt. Ward, President, Victoria and London; Thomas R Smith, W. A. Ward and J. C Maclure, joint managers. They are commission merchants and importers, shipping, insurance and financial agents. They have the general agencies for British Columbia for the Royal Insurance Company; London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company; Standard Life Assurance Company,; London and Provincial Marine Insurance Company Ltd.; Western Assurance Company, (Marine); London Assurance Corporation (Marine); La Compagnie d'Assurance. They are sole agents for Curtis' & Harvey's sporting and blasting powder; Clyde Mills Amberite (smokeless powder); Joseph Kershaw and Sons gold medal, Invention Exhibition, 1885, pianofortes; J. & W. Stuart's patent double-knitted mesh fishing nets, twines, etc.; importers of Havana cigars, oilmen's stores, tin plates, Portland cement, etc.; while in British Columbia at Victoria and Vancouver, the new management having recently established a branch office in the latter city, of which Mr. J C. Maclure will have charge. The Moodville mill is one of world-wide reputation, having very extensive lumber lands and being one of the largest enterprises of the kind on the coast. It is the intention of Robt. Ward and Co. to keep the mill going continually.

R. E. Cooper and Co.

Are selling agents in British Columbia for one of the largest commercial enterprises in the Dominion, namely Messrs. John McDonald and Co., Toronto, importing and wholesale shippers of men's furnishings, dry goods, carpets and woolens, etc. This house, established nearly half a century is one of the largest of its kind in Canada, and its agent here necessarily fills an important position in our commerce. They also represent Messrs. Chalcraft, Simpson and Co., wholesale manufacturers of ready-made clothing in Toronto, one of the really live and enterprising young firms in up to date manufacturers in their line. Mr. Cooper informs us that they have recently been appointed agents for Robert Stewart and Sons, Irish flax, twines and salmon nets, well known all over the world, being established in 1835. The office and salesrooms are at 47½ Government street, where a full range of samples of all lines can be seen. Mr. Cooper has built up a very large trade during the last five or six years, and sales are increasing and territory extending through out the N, W. Territories and British Columbia. Mr. Cooper is an able, enterprising business man, and stands high in local and commercial circles. His prize essay on "Pitfalls of the Dry Goods Trade," written in Victoria, was published in the "Dry Goods Review," and his B. C. friends were pleased to congratulate him. His example should be followed by others in another way, also as he sends quantities of marked papers on every possible occasion to Eastern Canada, the States and Europe relating to the great resources of British Columbia, thereby advertising the province and introducing capital for investment. His chief assistant, Mr. John McGregor, from Crieff, Scotland, is just as well posted in all the branches of the dry goods trade as his principal. Mr. McGregor spent a year or two in each of the cities of Canada, such as Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria. This young firm of R. E. Cooper and Co. most certainly deserve the hearty support of the friends of the province, as they not only represent the most reliable firms and best agencies to be had, but have the interest of the province at heart and work for it too.

James Mitchell.

Among the manufacturers and merchants agents, one of the most prominent is Mr. James Mitchell, whose offices are on Bastion street. Eight years ago, Mr. Mitchell established here, and his success has been exceptional owing both to his own business ability and the strength and standing of the houses he represents. Some of these are: The E. B Eddy Co., Ltd., Hull, Quebec, the largest manufacturers of woodenware, matches, and paper in Canada, whose product stands unrivalled; St. Lawrence Starch Company, Port Credit, Ontario, starch and glucose; John Power & Sons, Dublin distillers; Bisquit, Dubauche & Co., brandy; W. D. Matthews & Co., malt and grain, Toronto, etc., all of which are among the largest in their particular lines in the country. All the agencies are for the Province of British Columbia, and the sales are whol sale. Almost all the newspapers and publishing companies of the province get their supply of paper from this house, among which is the Colonist Publishing Company. Mr. Jas. Mitchell was born in St. Thomas, Ontario, and has the widest business experience in London Montreal and other Canadian centres. Mr. Mitchell holds the highest esteem of his fellow citizens. Associated with Mr. Mitchell is his son, a young man who also has had commercial training with some of the largest Montreal houses, and ably assists his father in the management of their rapidly developing trade.

Simon Leiser & Co.

The leading importers of and wholesale dealers in the finest grades of staple and fancy groceries in this section are Messrs. Simon Leiser and Co. This concern enjoys facilities nowhere else duplicated in this section, and has developed an immense business. The house was established sixteen years ago, and its career has been one of steady advancement towards its present high position. This concern is in every respect the best equipped wholesale grocery house in this part of Canada The premises occupied cover an immense amount of floor space, there being in all twelve warehouses. The stock carried is large and most comprehensive, including all descriptions of staple and fancy groceries. The company gets its supplies from the leading home and foreign manufacturers and producers, and control many important lines of food products in this section. Fourteen people are given employment by the concern. The company does an immense business which extends all over the province, including the Kootenay and other mining districts, also parts of Alaska. Mr Leiser is personally, largely interested in several retail stores at Wellington, East Wellington, Union, Union Wharf and New Amsterdam. Messrs. Simon Leiser and Co. are among our most prominent business houses, and their position in the trade entitles them to more than passing mention in this Commercial Review. Mr. Simon Leiser gives his entire time to the management of the business, which has been so successfully conducted by him for many years. He is in his prime and is one of our most prominent and influential business men.

The Victoria Sealing and Trading Co., Ltd.

Among the representative companies engaged in the sealing business here is the Victoria Sealing and Trading Company, Ltd., with offices on Discovery street. This business was founded fourteen years ago by Mr. William Munsie, who is now general manager of the company. Last year the present company was organized with a capital stock of $100,000.00. The company owns and operates six sealing schooners, namely: "Viva," "City of San Diego," "May Belle," "Ariotis," "Wanderer," and "Otto." These vessels are the finest of their kind in these waters and are splendidly equipped and accoutred. These schooners are sent on sealing expeditions off the British Columbia coast the Japan coast, the Northern Pacific Ocean and the Behring Sea. The company employs only competent and long experienced men at the business, therefore, buyers can always rely upon obtaining skins from this company that are properly handled and taken care of. Mr Munsie, the general manager, has had long experience in this business. The Board of Directors is composed of the following: Messrs Thomas B. Hall, Wm. Munsie, T. Lubbe, Thos. W. Patterson, Simon Leiser, George Riley and Chas. F. Gardiner.

Nicholles & Renouf, Ltd.

One of the oldest and most important business enterprises of Victoria is that of Nicholles and Renouf, Ltd., importers of farming implements, hardware, etc., with offices and warerooms at the S. E. corner of Yates and Broad streets. Several years ago Messrs. Nicholles and Renouf established this business and successfully carried it on until May, 1893 when a limited liability company was formed, with the following officers: President, J. Nicholles; Vice-President, C. E. Renouf; Secretary, H. J. Cave; Manager, J. R. Hantson. They are importers of and dealers in farming implements, shelf and heavy hardware, mining machinery and supplies, and are agents for Brantford reapers and mowers and Massey Harris binders; Brantford grain drills; Tiger sulky rake; Gray's horse-powers and threshers; Waterous Engine Works Co., Brantford, Ont.; spring tooth harrows and cultivators; seed harrows, etc. The premises consists of a two-story stone building, 130x40 feet in area, modern and complete in appointment and equipment, all of which is utilized for sale rooms and stock. A large staff of assistants is employed and the trade, largely retail, comes from all parts of the province. The extensive scale of operations and the exceptionally favorable relations maintained with manufacturers, enables this company to offer inducements to the public which no house in their line can think of beating. It owes its own rapid advancement to the constant efforts on the part of the management to advance the interests of patrons. Messrs. Nicholles and Renouf are among the most progressive and influential citizens of Victoria. Mr. Nicholles was born in London, and came here in 1862. For some yerrs he followed civil engineering and was afterwards identified with the banking house of Garesche, Green and Co. Mr Renouf was born in the Isle of Jersey and came here in 1879, being identified with the firm of R. P. Rithet and Co., until the formation of the present enterprise in 1885. Mr. Renouf takes an active interest in civic affairs, and has served in many important capacities. Messrs. Cave and Hantson are also esteemed and well-known citizens. Both devote their time to the interests of the house, and have done a great deal to advance them

J. Piercy & Co.

Victoria has long been recognized as the center of industry and commerce in British Columbia Among the establishments that especiallly contribute to her prominence is that of J. Piercy & Co., wholesale importers of foreign and domestic dry goods and gents furnishing manufacturers, whose salesroom and factory are at 25, 27 and 29 Yates street. In 1889 this enterprse was inaugurated and met with immediate success. Each year has seen the trade volume increase and the hold upon public favor grow firmer, until to-day the patronage comes from all parts of British Columbia. The premises occupied consists of a substantial brick building, two stories high. On the main floor is displayed one of the largest and most select stocks of dry goods to be found in the province. These goods represent the product of the largest home and foreign factories, from which the firm buys direct. The second floor contains 37 machines and 37 hands. The various lines of goods manufactured include clothing, underwear, shirts, and in brief, everything in the line of men's furnishings. These goods are largely made on the outside, a large staff of expert operatives being constantly employed. The firm manufactures more goods in their line than all other houses put together in this province. Mr. J. Piercy devotes his time to the management of the business. Mr. Piercy is a man of much experience and executive ability and ranks among the progressive and influential citizens of Victoria. This enterprise is an honor to our city and a credit to its promotion.

Langley & Co.

The oldest and largest wholesale and retail drug house in Victoria is that of Langley and Co., located at 21 and 23 Yates street. In 1858, when Victoria was but a trading post, this house was foundod by Mr. A. J Langley, the present senior partner, and in 1886 Messrs. J. N. and T. M. Henderson were admitted into partnership The premises consist of two floors 50x100 feet in area, the first containing the offices and retail salesrooms and the second being the wholesale department. The wholesale department is heavily stocked with foreign and domestic drugs and medicines. The firm manufactures a large number of standard preparations, which are in great demand. The trade comes from all parts of the province, and is constanly broadening. Few houses in the country can boast so extended a career of unbroken success as Langley and Co., and this prosperity may be solely attributed to the strictly honorable methods that have ever characterized its operations. A branch house is maintained at Vancouver, B. C. Mr. A. J. Langley was born in Richfield, Staffordshire, England, and came to Victoria in 1858. He has ever been one of the foremost in advancing our city's interests and deservedly ranks with our influential citizens Messrs. Henderson came here from Montreal in 1886. They are in the prime of life, experienced and able, and have done much to advance the interests of the house.

Thomas Earle.

This business was established in 1863 by Messrs. Thorborg and Rueff. After several changes Mr. Thomas Earle became the sole proprietor. The premises occupied for the business are situated on Wharf street and are provided with every facility and convenience. Mr. Ealre is

importer of and dealer in wholesale groceries and carries a full stock of fancy and staple goods. He has built up a very large trade which extends throughout British Columbia. Six persons are required to attend to this business. Mr. Thomas Earle was born at Leeds, Ontario. He has besides this representative business large sealing and canning interests, and is very prominently identified with our leading business men. He is also agent for and a partner in the firm of Stemler & Earle, proprietors of the Pioneer Coffee and Spice Mills, situate on Pembroke street, between Government and Douglas streets. The premises cover an area of 60x120, and consist of a two-story brick building and basement, completely equipped throughout for the manufacture of the various products, which include Champion brand of baking powder, coffees, spices, cocoa, mustard and other condiments. etc., etc. All the tins and boxes used for packing their various products are manufactured on the premises. The goods of this firm have a splendid reputation for purity and strength and are unexcelled. The business is strictly wholesale in character and extends throughout British Columbia and the territories. A number of hands are given employment the year round.

Mr. Earle is one of our best known citizens and has several offices of trust. He is an ex-alderman and in 1889 was elected to the House of Commons. In 1891 he was re-elected to the same position, which he has always filled to the utmost satisfaction of his constituents. Mr. L. Stemler, Mr. Earle's partner in the Coffee and Spice Mills, has been a resident of Victoria for thirty years and is widely known.

The Hickman-Tye Hardware Co., Ltd.

One of the oldest, largest and most widely-known business enterprises of Victoria is that of the Hickman-Tye Hardware Company, Ltd, importers of iron, steel, hardware and wagon materials, etc., whose offices and salesrooms are at 32-34 Yates street. This business was founded in 1863 under the style of Matthews, Richards & Tye, later changing to T. H. Tye & Co. The present company was incorporated under the laws of British Columbia in November, 1895. The salesrooms of the company are 60x120 feet in area, thoroughly modern and complete in equipment and heavily stocked with the commodities mentioned above. A specialty is made of mining and milling machinery and supplies. All goods are gotten direct from the leading English and American manufacturers, with whom the company enjoys very excellent trade relations. Liberal and reliable methods have ever characterized the operations of this house and to these may be attributed its long and successful career. Each year the business has steadily grown in volume and extent, until to-day the trade comes from all parts of the province. Mr. T. H. Tye was born in England, but has resided in Victoria for over thirty-five years. He has taken an active interest in everything pertaining to the city's advancement. Mr Fred Galley, the secretary of the company, is a young man and a native of Victoria. He possesses good business ability.

Findlay, Durham & Brodie.

The Victoria branch of this great London business house was established in 1860, and has been a prime factor in the development of our commerce. The office is on Wharf street, and is in charge of Mr. M. T. Johnson, who has been manager of the company's interests here since 1876. The company is agent for the British Columbia Canning Co., which operates five of the largest canneries in the world, as well as a large saw mill. The output of these canneries is about 75,000 cases of salmon per year. This production is disposed of throughout Canada, Australia, and England. The company handle the output of many of the smaller canneries located on the various rivers in British Columbia. Messrs. Findlay, Durham and Brodie also represent the British and Foreign Marine Insurance Co., Limited. This institution is one of the largest of its kind in the world, and in such a port as Victoria can not fail to do a large business. The firm representing this institution have built up a large business here, and carries large lines of insurance on all water crafts, and stocks of merchandise, etc., in the same. The Northern Assurance Co. is another great institution represented here by this firm. This institution insures life and loss against fire. All the members of this firm reside in London, Eng., Mr. Johnston having full charge here. Mr. Johnston has lived here since 1865; he is a prominent member of the Board of Trade.

Hamilton Powder Co.

The largest concern of the kind in Canada is the Hamilton Powder Company, with main offices and factories at Montreal. Away back in 1861 this company was incorporated and from the very outset has flourished. Each year the trade limits have expanded, the output increased until the trade extends to all parts of Canada. Thirteen years ago a branch office was established at Victoria and in 1891 a branch factory was opened at Nanaimo to supply the British Columbia trade. The factory is a spacious structure, provided with everything in the line of modern machinery and other appliances, and thirty-five expert workmen find constant employment Here they manufacture high explosives, blasting, mining and sporting powder, there being special demand throughout the Kootenay and other mining districts for the blasting high explosive powder, which is without an equal for the purpose. The company also deals in electric blasting apparatus, safety fuse, detonators, etc. Branch offices are maintained at Vancouver and Nelson, while the main offices for British Columbia are at 59½ Wharf street, Victoria. This is also the general agency for the Dominion Cartridge Company of Montreal, the only concern of the kind in Canada, and a large stock of their celebrated goods is carried here. Mr. H. J. Scott, the British Columbia agent for these companies, has filled his present position for the past five years. Mr. Scott came here from Montreal, where he was formerly for seven years with the Hamilton Powder Company. He is a young man of ability and is one of our progressive citizens. The factory at Nanaimo is in charge of Mr. W. A. Young, who has been for twenty years with the Hamilton Powder Company and is a master of every detail of the business.

John Earsman & Co.

Victoria's eligible situation makes it a most available point for the transaction of wholesale commission business and among those houses which rank high in their special line of enterprise is that of Messrs. John Earsman and Co., whose office and warehouse is situated on Langley street. This business was established five years ago, and has grown to large proportions. The company are wholesale commission and importing agents, and have built up a trade extending throughout British Columbia. They are agents for the Forrest Canning Co., of Halifax, condensed milk; the Armour Packing Co., of Kansas City; the G. H. Hammond Co., of Hammond, Indiana; W. Boulter and Sons, of Picton and Toronto, the largest vegetable and fruit canners in Canada; Walson's Dundee whiskies; Wiggins, Teep and Co., London, manufacturers of paper. This house is the only wholesale importers of writing papers in the city, and transact a very large business in this commodity. They represent leading manufacturers and dealers and handling only standard goods, have developed a very large and constantly increasing trade. Mr. John Earsman is sole proprietor of the business, the company being nominal. He is in the full vigor of his prime, and was born in Scotland. He has resided in Victoria the past 13 years and is highly esteemed as a worthy citizen and an able, enterprising business man. In addition to the above, Mr. Earsman represents the New York Life Insurance Company, of New York, and acts as their collector of premiums for the Island of Vancouver.

Wellington Coal Yard, Rattray & Hall.

The coal supply is always an important feature in every city, and in this particular Victoria is most ably represented by the Wellington Coal Yard, conducted by Messrs. Rattray and Hall. This firm was organized four years ago, for the purpose of handling the celebrated Wellington coal, mined by Messrs. R. Dunsmuir and Sons. The firm are sole agents for this coal, which has not a superior in the country. The firm has offices at 100 Government street and 24 Store street, orders being taken at either place. Their yard is very large and is situated on the E. and N. Railway. The coal handled by this concern is as fine bituminous coal as was ever mined. For household purposes is is without a parallel and it is equally as good for steam purposes. The firm has already built up a very large trade throughout the city, with households, factories, etc., and also supply many ships that make this a coaling harbor. The firm is composed of Messrs. Charles Rattray and R. Hall. The latter is a native of Victoria and is one of our representative insurance men. He has also extensive sealing interests. Mr. Rattray has resided here the last ten years. He gives his entire time to the management of the business.

Shallcross, Macaulay & Co.

Victoria is, from its situation, perhaps the most important distributing post in the Northern Pacific, and much of our commercial success depends on this fact All such distributing centres owe a large measure of their prosperity to the exertions of their merchants, among whom in Victoria may be found many enterprising business men and firms. The firm of Messrs. Shallcross, Macaulay and Co., commission merchants, No. 11 Bastion street, was formed several years ago and is composed of Messrs. J. J. Shallcross and Norman D. Macaulay. The former came from Liverpool, Eng., where he gained his commercial experience. Mr. Norman D. Macaulay, is a son of Mr. W. J. Macaulay, one of our prominent citizens and vice-president of the Victoria Lumber Co. The firm conduct a general wholesale commission business, importing and exporting merchandise of all kinds. They have important and influential agencies and correspondents abroad. This is one of our most representative firms in their special line of business, and they are as an important factor in the general makeup of our commerce entitled to prominent mention in this Review. Messrs. Shallcross, Macaulay and Co. are agents for the Victoria Chemical Co. and for the Globe Saving and Loan Co., of Toronto.

Pither & Leiser.

This representative enterprise dates its formation back to thirty years ago, when it was first established by Messrs. Casamayou & Co. Fifteen years later the firm name became Boucherat & Co., continuing the same until three years ago, when the present firm assumed control. The premises occupied for the business on Yates street, are of ample dimensions for the storage of the large stock carried. The firm, among other agencies, have those of G. H. Mumm's extra dry champagne; Pabst Brewing Co., of Milwaukee; Preller's celebrated wines, etc. The firm are importers and wholesale dealers in wines, liquors and cigars, and is the only exclusive wholesale wine and liquor house in the province. The business is entirely wholesale in character, and extends throughout British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, etc. The firm does an immense business and handle the bulk of the liquor trade in this section. The firm is composed of Messrs. Luke Pither and Max Leiser. These gentleman are well known and are among our most influential business men.

J. Boscowitz & Sons.

One of the oldest and largest commercial enterprises of British Columbia is that of J. Boscowitz and Sons, fur dealers, at Fort and Wharf streets. Thirty-five years ago this enterprise was inaugurated and from the outset has been steadily growing until the present extensive proportions have been reached. Furs of all kinds are dealt in, the specialty being seal skins, and an idea of the business done in this may be gleaned from the fact that the firm maintains four large sealing schooners and handle, on an average, about 20,000 skins a year The traffic in other valuable skins is proportionately large. The highest cash prices are paid. while cash advances are made on consignments, on shipments to Europe, in fitting out schooners for sealing, for fur trading, salmon and on cannery supplies. The greater portion of the skins bought by the firm is sold direct to London dealers. The operations of this firm have always been characterized by liberality and reliability. Mr. J. Boscowitz and his son, Leopold Boscowitz, are the proprietors. Mr. Boscowitz is one of the best known and influential of our citizens. He owns the Victoria theatre and has other important interests. Mr. Leopold Boscowitz is a young man of ability and is doing a great deal to advance the interests of the firm.

E. B. Marvin & Co.

One of the oldest and most important commercial enterprises of British Columbia is that of E. B. Marvin and Co., ship chandlers and owners of sealing schooners, with offices and salesrooms at 74 Wharf street. In 1860 the business was commenced on a very insignificant scale and from the outset has steadily expanded, until to-day the trade comes from all parts of British Columbia, including the outlying districts, and the stock carried is one of the largest of the kind to be found on the Pacific coast. They are importers of and dealers in ship and steamboat stores and everything pertaining to the building or equipment of steamers and sailing vessels. The firm went into the sealing business some ten years since and now own six of the largest and best equipped schooners in the Victoria fleet, besides acting as agents for several others. Capt. J. G. Cox, who visits Japan every year, is looking after the business of a considerable number of sealers on the Japan coast, and having such a large interest in the sealing business the firm is especially posted on all matters connected with it, therefore Marvin and Co. are reckoned a great headquarters of the industry. The firm is also interested in the halibut fishing and have assisted in opening up trade in the eastern market for the sale of frozen halibut which is looked forward to as being one of the principal industries of Victoria.

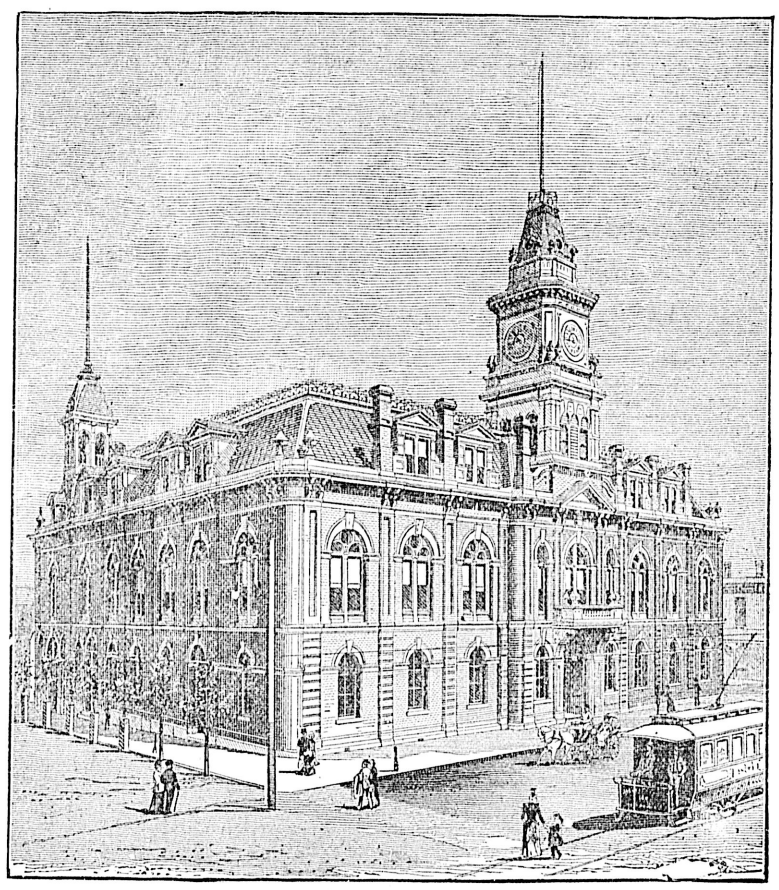
Marvin & Tilton.

This business was founded in 1862, by Mr. Edgar Marvin, Mr. E. G. Tilton becoming half owner in 1883. Five years ago, upon the death of Mr. Marvin, Mr. Tilton became sole proprietor, the firm name however, remaining unchanged. This house is the oldest and one of the largest of its kind in British Columbia, and it transacts a large business. The premises occupied are situated at the corner of Wharf and Bastion streets, and consists of a two story stone building, 60x110 feet in area. This is completely stocked and is provided with every convenience necessary for the prompt handling of so large a business. The stock embraces every thing in the line of general hardware, iron and steel being made a specialty. The stock also includes cordage, chains, mill, building, and miners' supplies. The trade is wholesale and retail in character, and extends throughout British Columbia.

SOUTH JOHNSON STREET, LOOKING WEST FROM GOVERNMENT STREET.

F. C. Davidge & Co.

This enterprise was inaugurated in 1889, and its growth has been almost phenomenal, until to-day it ranks among the largest importing commission houses of the Northwest. They are commission merchants and shipping agents, and importers of Japanese silk, rice and general merchandise. They are agents for many of the most celebrated houses in their line, in the commercial world, such as Samuel, Samuel and Co., of Japan, exporters of rice, silks, curios, etc.; Hunt and Co., of Japan, tea merchants; the Tokio Leather Paper Mills; the Canvas Mill, of Kobe; and besides these Japanese agencies they represent Chas. Cammell and Co., manufacturers of iron and steel, Sheffield, England; and the Compania General de Tobaccos de Felipina. The firm has connections in all the largest cities of the United States and Canada and this, together with the extensive scale of their operations and the unequalled trade facilities they enjoy, enables them to offer exceptional inducements. They are also agents for the Oregon Asiatic Steamship Line to Honolulu, China and Japan; and the Puget Sound and Central America S. S. Co., to all Central American ports. They are the largest importers of indent orders in the province. Goods of all kinds are ordered direct from the Orient and England. Cargoes of any quantities are shipped in bond direct to any custom house in either Canada or United States. The trade, practically speaking, extends from Victoria throughout Canada and United States to Europe and to the Orient. The Victoria offices and salesrooms are in the Board of Trade building. Messrs. F. C. Davidge and Charles Curwen are the members of the firm. Both are young, possess exceptional business ability, and have had the widest experience. They are natives of England and have resided here since 1889. Mr. Davidge was for seven years in the employ of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, in the East, while Mr. Curwen was in business for years in the United States.



THE CITY HALL.

Lawrence Goodacre,

One of the oldest and largest meat establishments is the Queen's Market, Mr. Lawrence Goodacre, proprietor, at the corner of Government and Johnson streets, with entrances at 121 Government and 65 Johnson. Away back in 1858 Mr. Thomas Harris, the then mayor of Victoria, established this business and conducted it until 1869, when Mr. Goodacre became proprietor. The success of this enterprise has been exceptional. Year by year it has grown in popular favor, until to-day it stands with no superior in its line here. The trade is both wholesale and retail and comes from all parts of the city and vicinity, while Mr. Goodacre is purveyor by appointment to Her Majesty's Royal Navy. The patrons include the leading hotels, restaurants and families of the city, as well as the leading ships entering here. Meats and vegetables of all kinds are handled. The retail salesrooms are very spacious and complete in equipment, while the slaughter-houses at Mount Tolmie and Cedar Hill, are large and modern, the daily slaughtering being from six to eight cattle, thirty-five sheep, besides calves and hogs. The slaughter-houses are located on a 300-acre ranch. Eighteen assistants are employed in the different departments. Mr. Goodacre was born in Nottingham, England, where he was engaged in his present business. He came to Victoria in 1866. He has served as alderman and at present has various important interests, owning a great deal of valuable real estate, Mr. Goodacre is one of our influential citizens.

J. and A. Clearihue.

The commission business has grown to be one of the greatest importance, and many staple articles are sold through that medium. Among the most worthy representatives of this special enterprise in Victoria is the firm of Messrs. J. and A. Clearihue. This business was established ten years ago. The premises occupied are at 26 Yates street. The firm acts as general commission merchants and dealers in California and tropical fruits and all kinds of produce They are agents for the Skidegate Oil Works, D. Richards' laundry soaps, and Tellier. Bothwell and Co., manufacturers of Parisian washing blue. They solicit consignments of all kinds of staple products, and pay particular attention to furs and skins, butter and eggs. This firm has become well known throughout the province and has built up most influential connections in the best producing sections of the country. They trade all over British Columbia, Manitoba and the northwest. The firm is composed of Messrs. J. and A. Clearihue, who are brothers. The former has resided here since 1859 and is one of our oldest citizens. Mr. A. Clearihue came here from Australia ten years ago.

Lever Bros., Ltd.

SOME FACTS CONCERNING A WONDERFUL SOAP.

Who has not heard of "Sunlight Soap?" Its name and fame have encircled the earth, and all the result of quality backed by enterprise. Ten years ago Mr. W. H. Lever, the founder of "Sunlight Soap," invested $15,000 in a small soap factory in Warrington, Eng., and to-day the firm of Lever Bros., Ltd., enjoy the proud position of being the largest soap firm in existence, with a capital of over $8,000,000. "Sunlight Soap is manufactured in Port Sunlight, near Liverpool. The site of the works comprises 114 acres, of which 29 are occupied by the soapery buildings, wharf and siding. The capacity of the works is 2,400 tons of soap per week, which is about four times as much soap as is made in the next largest factory in the world. Two thousand employees are engaged in this colossal business, and the firm have already erected about 900 model cottages at Port Sunlight for the accommodation of the large "Sunlight family," while additional houses are rapidly being built. The "Sunlight" advertising is printed in 36 different languages, in the largest printing house in the world, having 40,000 square feet of flooring open to the roof, with galleries round the building for spectators. Some 30 printing and lithographic presses are at work on Sunlight literature, some of the issues running into many million copies. In addition to the immense establishment at Port Sunlight, Lever Bros. own and operate a large cotton-seed oil mill at Vicksburg, Miss., and a cocoanut oil factory at Sydney, N. S. W. To give the reader some idea of the huge business transacted by this firm, we may mention that they purchased from Australia £500,000 worth of tallow during the past three years! Think of it! Nearly $2,500,000 for tallow alone in three years! One naturally pauses to ask—what is the cause which underlies the phenomenal success of Sunlight soap. It has now 27 gold medals and other awards to its credit from the principal expositions of the world. Lever Bros. have also been specially appointed soap-makers to the Queen. The secret of all this success is because of its DOWNRIGHT MERIT. The makers pledge a $5,000 guarantee that it is pure and contains no injurious chemicals; they have given to the public a soap absolutely safe for any and every purpose for which soap can be used, and the result has been a world-wide sale and a business of unparalled extent. The Canadian headquarters is at Toronto and that office reports that the Canadian business for 1895 was the largest in their experience, being 102% of an increase in sales over the year 1894. We are pleased to learn that in B. C. Sunlight soap is showing a steady and marked improvement, and there is no doubt that the public of this province will manifest a growing appreciation for a soap having such a record as the "Sunlight." Mr. C. R. King, of Victoria, represents Lever Bros. interests in B. C., and will be pleased to answer enquiries.

Loewenberg & Co.

One of our leading importing houses is that of Loewenberg & Co., at 83 Wharf street This enterprise was originally established by Wood, Caton & Co., in 1881, afterwards changing to J. A. T. Caton & Co., and in 1893, Mr. Carl Loewenberg purchased the business. They are importers of and jobbers in fancy goods, pipes and tobacconists' supplies, cutlery, clocks, watches and jewelry, men's furnishings, etc., the goods representing the product of some of the largest factories of England, France, Germany and Switzerland. Pipes and tobacconists' supplies are specialties of the house, and their stock in these lines is the finest in the Province. The trade comes from all parts of British Columbia, and competent salesmen represent the house on the road. The extensive operations and excellent connections enables this house to successfully compete with eastern jobbing houses. The firm enjoys a large mail order trade which is constantly increasing. No house enjoys a higher standing with the trade than this, its name being almost a synonym for integrity and liberality. Mr. Carl Loewenberg is a native of Germany but has resided in British Columbia for years. He was for some time identified with the Bank of British Columbia at New Westminster, and in 1891, was appointed German Consul for B. C., although in 1895 a separate Consulate for the mainland of B. C. was established in Vancouver. Mr. Loewenberg has had wide financial and commercial experience and the success which he enjoys is but the natural result of his able efforts.

C. A. Godson.

The advantages occuring to manufacturing and mercantile establishments from having representatives in all flourishing cities being recognized more and more, and consequently we find in our city many experienced and able business men acting as agents for our large eastern establishments. Among these, one of the most successful is Mr. C. A. Godson, whose offices and sample rooms are at 22 Broad street. For the past five years Mr. Godson has resided here He has the agency for British Columbia for the following firms: James Robertson & Co, Toronto, manufacturers and jobbers of iron, iron pipe, plumbers' supplies, etc. A. A. Allen & Co., Toronto, hats, caps and furs; P. Freysung & Co., cork manufacturers, Toronto; Auguste Bolte, manufacturer of brewery supplies; The John Griffiths Cycle Corporation, Toronto; Wm Parks & Sons, cotton mills, St. John's, N. B.; S. McAvity and Sons, St. John's, N. B., brass manufacturers, etc. Mr. Godson carries a full line of samples and handles large consignments from all these houses. He has met with exceptional success. Mr. Godson is a young man and came here from Toronto. He is very highly esteemed.

British Columbia Market Co., Ltd.

This prominent enterprise was established in June, 1895, and was a consolidation of two of our largest houses of its kind, the British Cattle Company, Ltd., and the Dominion Market Company. This concern has, under its progressive management, made rapid advancement, and in the operation of its large packing house has inaugurated a new departure in the interests of home industry. Heretofore the greater number of dealers have handled American importations. This concern now utilizes home production, gives wages to home labor, and is in a high degree a home enterprise. The hogs and cattle of Canada have no superiors anywhere, and there is no reason why this territory should not become a great packing center. The maaket is located at the corner of Yates and Government streets. It is appointed with every modern facility. Fresh, smoked and cured meats of the first quality only are always on hand, also lard, sausage, and, in fact, all the product of a modern packing house. This concern also operates a large branch house at Vancouver. The packing house is on Yates street, and its equipment is the equal of any in the States. The slaughter houses are at Cadboro bay, about four miles from the city. There are killed here a monthly average of about 100 cattle, 500 sheep, and a large number of lambs, hogs, etc. The ranche operated by the concern consists of 500 acres of the finest grazing land. This house has built up a large business, wholesale and retail, throughout the Province, and is a home industry which we should patronize. Mr. D. W. Gillies, the enterprising manager, is well known in Victoria, having lived here since 1884. He was born in New Brunswick, but has been in the West fifteen years.

J. H. Todd & Son.

J. H. Todd & Son are importers and wholesale grocers, and their stock embraces everything in the line of staple and fancy groceries, provisions, canned

goods, coffees, teas, etc. They are proprietors of the Beaver and Richmond canneries, known as the largest fish canneries in the world. They are also members of and agents for the American Packing Company, Ltd., recently formed and located at Anacortes, Wash., which company purpose making a very large pack of salmon this year.

Fell and Co.

One of the oldest and largest business houses of Victoria is that of Fell and Co., wholesale and retail grocers, 49 Fort St., corner of Broad street. Away back in 1862 this business was established and has kept pace with the growth of our city, until it has gained its present extensive proportions. The premises occupied are 150x30 feet, in area and these are thoroughly modern and complete. The stock carried includes everything in the line of staple and fancy groceries, provisions, wines and liquors, both imported and domestic. The extensive scale of their operations enables them to offer inducements to the trade which few houses can think of duplicating. Eight courteous assistants are employed. It is to such houses as that of Fell and Co. that our city owes its present commercial importance.

R. H. McMillen.

A commission agent that is meeting with flattering success here is Mr. R. H. McMillen, agent for British Columbia for Bradbury, Creatorex and Co., Ltd., London, England, and Emil Pewny and Co., Grenoble, France, dry goods and kid gloves. These houses are among the largest and most celebrated in their respective cities and control very extensive trades. Mr. McMillen has represented these firms here for several years. He has spacious sample rooms at 47½ Government street, and also makes periodical visits to all the important towns of the province. Mr. McMillen has had the widest experience in his line, and is very highly esteemed in Victoria.

Tolmie and Stewart.

This representative enterprise was established twenty years ago by the late John Boyd, the present firm succeeding at his death six years ago. The premises occupied are at 45 and 47 Yates street. The firm are importers of and dealers in wines, spirits, teas and cigars. They have in stock a large supply of these goods and make a specialty of family trade, which is supplied at the lowest rates. They make a specialty of fine Scotch whisky, and are sole proprietors of the celebrated Boyd's blend. They sell at both wholesale and retail. The firm is composed of Messrs. A. Tolmie and D. Stewart. Mr. Tolmie has resided here over twenty years, and Mr. Stewart is also a long resident of this city.

California Wine Co.

This flourishing enterprise was inaugurated four years ago and has met with gaeat success The company deals at wholesale and retail in foreign and domestic wines, liquors, ales, beers, porters and cigars, a specialty being made of California wines. The premises, located at Broad and Johnson streets, are spacious and well-arranged, while the stock is large and choice. The trade comes from all parts of the city and vicinity. Mr. F. Schneider is the proprietor.

Martin and Robertson.

This firm are wholesale commission merchants and maintain offices at Victoria and Vancouver. Organized in 1892, its career has been one of steady progress. They represent several of the largest manufacturers and dealers in the world. Among them are the following: Tuckett and Sons, tobaccos, Hamilton Ont.; Truro Condensed Milk and Canning Co., Truro, Nova Scotia; Cudhay Packing Co., Rex brand Canned Meats, South Omaha, Neb.; Edwardsburg Starch Co., Montreal; Johnston Fluid Beef Co., Montreal; Chase and Sanborn, Montreal; Sydenham Glass Co., of Wallaceburg, Ont.; Dairymen's Union of California, San Francisco; Haas Bros., San Francisco; Day and Martin, London, Eng.; Maconochie Bros., Lowestoft and London, Eng.; Hills Bros., New York, dried fruits; Buchanan, Fraser and Co., Colombo, Ceylon, teas; Odell and Co., Foochow, China, teas; the celebrated Globe and Victory brands of Australian canned meats, and other manufacturers of equal importance. The firm has suitable warehouses at Vancouver and here, in which reserve stocks of the different products of several of those concerns are kept. Their trade is done exclusively with the wholesale dealers in Victoria and Vancouver, and their business has developed to large proportions.

L. White and Co.

Among the leading representative commission merchants here is Mr. L. White, at No. 19 Yates street. This business was founded about four years ago, and from its inception has occupied a prominent position. Mr. White transacts a general commission business, importing and dealing in fruits, produce, provisions, etc. His trade is wholesale in character, and extends throughout British Columbia. Mr. White was born in England, but has lived here for thirty-three years.

Victoria Gas Company, (Ltd).

The Victoria Gas Company, one of the most important enterprises of our city, was originally organized in 1862. It is incorporated under the Companies' Act with a capital of $300,000 and the manager secretary and treasurer is Mr. C. W. R. Thomson, acting under a local board of directors. The offices are at 2 Pembroke street, and the plant covers almost an entire block bounded by Store, Pembroke and Government streets. The gas is manufactured by the coal process and is supplied throughout the city and vicinity for illuminating, heating and cooking purposes. The company have twelve miles of maines through the various thoroughfares of the city. The Victoria Gas Company intend in the near future to increase their manufacturing capacity, and to supply gas for cooking and heating purposes, to all parts of the city at rates which will enable almost everybody to enjoy the luxury of cooking and heating by this, the cheapest, cleanest and most convenient process. Mr. C. W. R. Thomson has resided in Victoria for 37 years and is widely known. Mr. Thomson has various interests, financial, industrial and commercial, both here and elsewhere throughout the province, and has done a great deal to advance the wellfare of Victoria. He is president of the Douglas Lake Cattle company, an important organization.

THE HUM OF INDUSTRY

Victoria Leads the North West as a Manufacturing City.

ITS PRODUCTS FOUND IN ALL MARKETS

Steamship and Sailing Craft Included in the Products of Home Industry, Besides an Infinite Variety of Articles of Consumption, Clothing and Convenience.

Although less widely known as a manufacturing than as a shipping and distributing point, Victoria is not without industrial institutions whose products command ready sale both at home and abroad. Her splendid shipping facilities eminently fit her for a manufacturing centre, enabling her to reach the world's markets cheaply, quickly and conveniently; while the raw material to be found at her very doors or obtainable in the countries of the Orient in direct touch with the city, is surpassed in neither quantity nor variety anywhere.

One by one, unostentatiously but continually, manufacturies are being added until now the list is a gratifyingly large one, an important catalogue of thriving industries among which may be mentioned the Albion Iron Works, where anything from a rivet to a steamship may be obtained; the Brackman & Ker mills, near the outer wharf, the most complete oatmeal mills in the country; the Canada Paint Co's branch factory; the Victoria Rice and Flour Mills on Store street; the recently established Victoria Chemical Works; the Victoria-Phœnix Brewery, one of the largest and best equipped in every way on the Pacific Coast; half a dozen or more ship yards that enjoy a reputation for good workmanship wherever the products of their craft are found; several large furniture manufacturies; the Okell & Morris Fruit Preserving Co's establishment, the fame of whose products is already world wide; the Stemler & Earle Spice Works; Falconer and Brady's vinegar and pickle manufacturies; two large and complete soap factories and three devoted to the preparation of soda and other aerated waters; carriage, boot and shoe, and powder manufacturies; brush and broom works; stairbuilding works; sash and door factories and saw and planing mills in abundance; a large and well equipped trunk and valise factory; marble, granite and sheet metal works; shirt and clothing manufacturies; pottery and terra cotta works; wire works; a match factory, and a host of others, as the auctioneers say "too numerous to mention but all worthy of attention."

The list above given is very far from complete; it will serve, however, to illustrate that the Victoria of to-day is more than a summer or health resort, more than a great shipping point, more than the headquarters of such industries of worth as the salmon canning or the sealing—that it is even now one of the most important producing cities of the north-west.

Already many of these factories are sending considerable portions of their output into the markets of the South Seas and the Orient, of Europe and of South Africa. As the merit of Victoria's manufactures becomes more and more recognized, this trade may be expected to grow until in Victoria is found the leading manufacturing as well as the chief shipping city of the Pacific Coast.

Only a very small per centage of the existing manufacturies of the city have received assistance of any kind to induce their establishment in Victoria, although the civic authorities have shown a readiness at all times to consider the merits of any scheme looking to the increased prosperity of the community. The manufacturers in business have pitched their tents, or to speak more correctly fired their furnaces, here because they realized that the provincial capital possesses advantages of location and situation unrivalled, in the north-west from the manufacturers standpoint. Their success, too, is forcing others to recognize the facts, and hence it is that half a dozen prominent concerns from "east of the mountains" among them the Canadian Electro Plate Co., are at the present time considering the advisability of casting in their lot with Victorians.

Here are a few of those who have helped and are helping greatly to build up the Queen City of the Pacific Coast as a manufacturing or producing centre.

The Albion Iron Works Co., Ltd.

The importance of Victoria as a manufacturing center is forcibly demonstrated by reference to her leading concerns, each the representative of its special line, such for example, as the Albion Iron Works Co, Ltd This enterprise, which is the largest of its kind on the Pacific coast, was established in 1861 by Mr. J. Spratt. The plant, was of course, in the beginning rather a small affair when compared to its present immense proportions, and its entire career has been one of steady progress towards the important position it now holds. In 1882 the present company was incorporated, and with augmented capital and the enterprise infused by new management the business has been increased to immense proportions. The premises occupied for the works, cover almost the entire block, bounded by Discovery, Store, Chatham and Government streets, and are 3½ acres in extent. The equipment is the largest and most complete on the coast and includes all the most modern machinery, tools and appliances known to the industry. The company manufactures marine and land engines, boilers, fish, cannery and mining machinery, hydraulic giants and pipes, stoves, grates, French ranges, and in fact the entire product of a first-class foundry and machine shop. When running full time the works require 1,000,000 lbs. of pig iron and about 100,000 lbs. of copper annually, while from 200 to 250 skilled mechanics are employed in good times. The company does an average business of large proportions. They have done a large amount of the best work in this section, including engines for the Tramway Co., the piping and other material for the Victoria and Vancouver water works; the majority of the cars in use on the E. & N. railway, and the engines and boilers for the greater number of steamers plying on the Sound. They built one pair, 65 tons weight, 30 x60 stroke, Corliss valve, hoisting engines for the Union collieries; and marine boilers for the Costa Rica and Wellington steamers. They make a leading specialty of shiprepairing and have repaired the largest ships entering this harbor. This establishment is second to no other of its kind on the Pacific coast and its equipment and experienced labor is such that it can turn out work the equal of any in the country. The works are managed by able and experienced men who give their personal supervision over all departments.

The Sayward Mill and Timber Company, Ltd.

The advantages possessed by this city as a center for the distribution of lumber are recognized as of paramount importance, and have resulted in the establishment of a trade which is of large proportions and constantly increasing in volume. This enterprise was founded many years ago by Mr. W. P. Sayward, the present company being formed three years ago. They operate on a capital of $500,000, and rank foremost among those which have made Victoria prominent in the lumber trade. The company's plant, on Store street, is a two-story building of large dimensions, and is the most completely equipped establishment of its kind in Victoria. Fifty skilled woodworkmen are constantly employed. The plant is provided with the most modern and best improved machinery, appliances and wood-working tools known to the industry, and has a capacity of 60,000 feet per day The list of productions includes rough and dressed lumber, laths, shingles, spars, and, in fact, the entire product of a well equipped planing mill. The company has built up an immense trade, extending throughout British Columbia and some sections of the United States. They also export in large quantities to Australia and China. The officers of this company are Mr. P. A. Paulson, president, and Mr. W. J. Taylor, secretary. Mr. Paulson is the active manager of the business. He was formerly identified with the same line of business at Tacoma, Wash., and is thoroughly posted in its every detail. He still owns large lumber interests in Washington. Mr. Paulson is well known in local commercial circles, and is an authority in lumber circles. Mr. W. J. Taylor is one of our prominent barristers, being a member of the firm of Eberts & Taylor.

The Brackman and Ker Milling Co., Ltd. National Mills.

Perhaps there is no manufacturing concern in Victoria that more thoroughly deserves the unanimous support of its citizens than the Brackman and Ker milling Co., who have established a home market for grain grown in the province. By their enterprise they have induced the the growing of oats in large quantities in British Columbia and have provided a cash market for all oats offered for sale. This business was founded in 1876 and in 1891 the present company was incorporated. The industry is the only one of its kind in the country, and ranks with the largest in the Dominion. The main building at Ocean dock is five stories high and 60x80 feet in area. In the basement is a 120 h.p. Wheelock engine. The main shaft furnishes motive power for all the other machinery in the building. The ground floor is equipped with five runs of stones for grinding the different cereals. The second floor is furnished with tiers for holding the different grains and on this floor are situated the steel rollers for making rolled oats. The oats must be passed through a special process of steaming before rolled and afterwards dried. On the third floor the grains are passed through cleaning machinery before reaching the bins on the second floor. On the top floor is the machinery for operating the elevator and for driving the cleaning machinery on the floor beneath. The list of productions includes oatmeal, rolled oats, wheat flakes, split peas, pearl barley, etc. The concern, also in conjunction with its milling interests, handles flour, bran, hay, grain, meal, pearl barley, grass, clover, and all kinds of seed grain. Besides the main office here they have branches at Vancouver, New Westminster and Edmonton, Alberta. From the latter point the Kootenay trade is supplied. The production of this concern are noted for their excellence, commanding a price 25 per cent. above the imported article, and it is worthy of note that they were awarded the gold medal for the best rolled oats exhibited at the late World's Fair, Chicago. The officers for this company are Messrs. H. Brackman, president, and D R. Ker, vice-president and manager. Mr. Brackman was born in Germany and came to the coast in 18 7. He is also connected with various other manufacturing and mercantile interests. Mr. Ker was born in Victoria in 1862. In 1876 he became associated with Mr. Brackman, and these gentlemen have by their enterprise and well directed efforts achieved a grand success. Mr. Ker is president of the Board of Trade, and ex-president of the B. C. Agricultural Society. He is a prominent and public-spirited business man. Mr. T. A. Ker has charge of the Victoria mill and Mr. W. H. Ker manages the Vancouver branch.

Victoria Roller Flour and Rice Mills.

This enterprise is a branch house of one of the largest milling industries in the country, namely, the Mount Royal Milling and Manufacturing Co. of Montreal. The plant is the most complete in the province. It is situated on Store street, and comprises a large stone and wood four-story building 60x120 feet in area, and an additional three-story building 60x90 feet in area, used as a warehouse. The plant has a large dock frontage, which is a necessity owing to the extent of its exportations. The plant is equipped with the celebrated Goldie and McCullough milling machinery, operated by a 100 h. p. Corliss engine. The entire equipment is perfect and most modern. The plant has an immense capacity and a constant demand for its entire output. Its capicity is 250 barrels of flour per day and twenty tons of rice in the same length of time. The company secures its material for rice manufacture from Siam and the French coast of China. They have built up a large trade in this section of the country owing to the excellence of their productions, but their exportations of flour constitutes their main business in that article. They ship to Hongkong, China, and many other Chinese and Japanese ports. This enterprise is a prime promoter of our commerce and is entitled to most prominent mention in this Review of our principal industries. The affairs of the company are in the hands of Messrs. Hall, Ross and Co., to whose good management and enterprise is due in a large degree the marked success that has attended it.

Okell and Morris, Fruit-Preserving and Confectionery Company, Ltd.

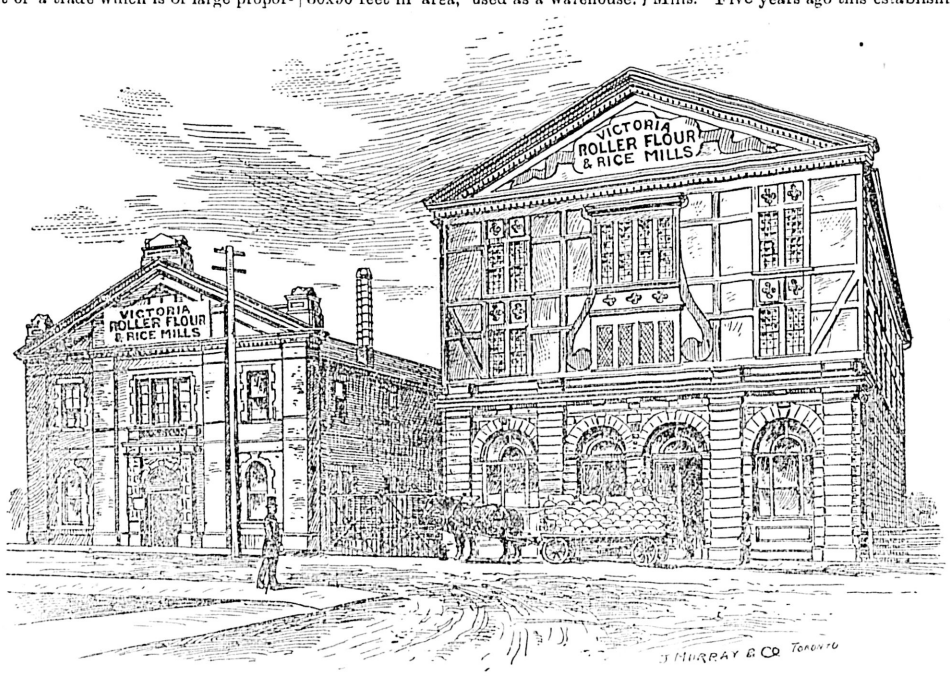
This business was established in 1891, since which time its career has been one of steady advancement toward the high position it now so creditably occupies. In its special line this enterprise has by far the best equipment in this section of the country. The premises occupied comprise an immense building, two stories in height, and with an area of 40x200 feet For the manufacture of its celebrated productions this house is most perfecrly equipped. All the most modern and best improved machinery and appliances are provided, and the equipment of this manufactory is the best and only one of its kind on the Pacific coast. The first floor of the building is divided into office, salesroom and preserving department, while the second floor is devoted to the manufacture of confectionery. Twenty people are employed about the premises, among the number being included skillful and experienced candy and preserve makers. The list of production includes canned fruits, jams, marmalades, lemon, orange and citron peel, mince meat, excelsior mixtures, chocolates, caramels, and high class confectionery of every description. The high quality of these goods is a fact too well known to require any special mention here, and the "many medals, special awards, diplomas," etc, give every indication of their general superiority in the judgment of experts. This business has been built up to its present splendid proportions on the basis of "Purity and Excellence." Its trade is of wide extent, covering entire British Columbia and the East as far as Winnipeg, Messrs. Buchanan and Gordon being the company's agents at the latter city. All the leading wholesale merchants of Victoria carry the goods of this concern. Turner, Beeton and Co. are the agents at Nelson, B. C. The company have received orders for their goods from the Governor-General of Canada. The officers and promoters are prominent citizens of Victoria. Mr. J. H. Turner, president, is one of the leading business men in the province. Mr. Allan Kirke, vice president, is prominent in commercial circles, and Mr. S. M. Okell, one of the founders of the business, is still a stockholder in the company, but, like the rest of the original promoters, he takes no active interest in it. Mr. W. H. Price is manager and a director, and although a young man, he has become well known as a most able and progressive business man. The company went to a great expense in order to secure the services of Mr. Price, who is acknowledged to stand at the head of his profession, and they are to be commended upon their enterprise. Mr. H. Price was formerly manager of Messrs F. Meadowcroft and Co. of Bury, England, who, at the Confectioners' Exhibition held in London, England, October, 1893, was successful in winning the gold and silver medals for excellency of jams, jellies, marmalades and whole fruits. When we remember that this exhibition was open to the world, to obtain the gold and silver medals is a great honor. This concern is one of our great home enterprises, and on that account, as well as for the "purity and excellence" of its productions, should be patronized in preference to all outsiders.

Lemon, Gonnason & Co.

No city of the west can boast of larger and more varied industrial enterprises than Victoria, and of these one of the most important is the lumber interest. Many large and flourishing enterprises represent this interest, and of these none are more widely known than that of the firm of Lemon, Gonnason and Co., proprietors of the Capital Planing Mills. Five years ago this establishment was founded and from the very outset has enjoyed exceptional favor, until to-day the trade comes from all parts of British Columbia and is rapidly expanding. The plant, which is without doubt, one of the most modern and complete in British Columbia, is located at the corner of Orchard and Govt. Sts., and covers almost an entire city block. The main factory is a substantial two-story structure, 50x100 feet in area, operated by steam, and here a large staff of thoroughly experienced workmen are constantly employed. The output consists of doors, sash, blinds, window and door frames, mouldings, brackets, balustrades, mantels, stair railings, newel posts, etc., while scroll-sawing, turning and planing is done, and wood finishing of every variety for stores, dwellings, etc., is executed to order. The firm are also patentees for British Columbia for the automatic clothes dryer, and the celebrated clothes reel. This latter is for outside purposes. It contains 100 feet of rope wire in a very small space and may be lowered or raised at pleasure by means of a lever attachment. These articles are having large sales wherever introduced. The members of the firm are: J. Lemon, B. Gonnason and A. Gonnason. Mr. Lemon has resided here for ten years, while the Messrs. Gonnason have been here for fourteen years. The plant of Lemon, Gonnason and Co has a water frontage of 300 feet, and their main storehouse is 41x150 feet in area.

Victoria Chemical Co., Ltd.

This company is incorporated under the companies' act, with large, paid-up capital, and the officers and directors are: J. A. Hall, F. Moore and J. W. Fisher. The plant is large and modern in its equipment, but so great has been the rush of business lately that the company is contemplating the enlarging of their plant to far beyond its present capacity. They have in all one and a half acres of land and several modern brick structures will probably be erected here during the spring and summer. Their product includes: Mixed acids for powder making; muriatic acids for the canneries; sulphuric and nitric acids for general use; vitriol, which is largely sold in the American cities on the Sound; soda chrystals, etc., while they handle large quantities of nitre for agricultural purposes. The product is pronounced equal to any made in the new or old world, and it will not be long before the trade of the company will extend far beyond the confines of Western Canada and United States. Messrs. Moore, Fisher and Hall are all natives of Lancashire, and came here three years ago. Mr. Hall has had wide experince in business and gives his time to the financial affairs of the company. Messrs. Hall and Moore were formerly managers at the Clayton Analine Company's works, the largest concern of the kind in the world, located in Lancashire, England, as chemists, before coming here. Both received their scientific training at Owen's College, Lancashire, Mr. Moore taking his B. S. C. degree with honors at London University; and Mr. Hall the same degree at Victoria University, Manchester.



VICTORIA ROLLER FLOUR AND RICE MILLS, STORE STREET.

B. C. Furniture Co.

One of the largest and most important enterprises of our city is that of the B. C. Furniture Company whose salesrooms are at 65 and 68 Government street, and factory at Laurel Point. In 1891 the Sehl-Hastie-Erskine Furniture Company was formed, being a combination of the businesses of Mr. Jacob Sehl and Messrs. Hastie & Erskine, both old established enterprises It was thus conducted until December 10th, 1895, with Mr. Sehl as manager. They are manufacturers of furniture of all kinds, and dealers in carpets, linoleums, oilcloth, crockery, glassware, lamps, etc. The store extends through from Government to Langley streets, a distance of 135 feet, having a frontage of 45 feet on the former and of 87 feet on the latter It is very handsomely appointed and equipped and newly stocked with the choicest imported and domestic goods. The factory, which was erected by Mr. Sehl in 1884, is a three-story, brick building, 64x84 feet in area, thoroughly modern and complete, containing all the most approved machinery, operated by steam. There are several other adjoining buildings and a modern dry kiln, etc. Besides furniture they manufacture office, church, bank, bar, and store fixtures, and a large number of expert workmen are constantly employed. The trade comes from all parts of the province, and owing to their being manufacturers are enabled to quote prices that cannot be beaten in the province. Mr. Jacob Sehl was born in Germany and came to America during the California gold excitement. In 1858 he came to Victoria and three years later began to deal in furniture, adding the manufacturing department in 1879. His success is due to the reliable, liberal methods he has always followed. Mr. Sehl has important interests here and is one of our influential citizens.

Shawnigan Lake Lumber. Co., Ltd.

Chief among the leading concerns engaged in the lumber business is the Shawnigan Lake Lumber Co., Ltd. The business was established five years ago and in 1894 was incorporated. The mills are located at Shawnigan Lake. They comprise a very large plant, thoroughly equipped with the best machinery and most modern wood working tools and appliances. They have a capacity of 50,000 feet per day and run full time the year round, giving constant employment to a large force. The Victoria yards are situated on Discovery street, between Store and Government streets, and they also have large yards at Wellington, B. C. They are about two acres in extent, and are at all times fully stocked with rough and dressed lumber, lath, shingles, piles, telegraph poles and all the production of a first-class planing mill. The company has built up a very large business, extending throughout the province. The officers of the company are Messrs. T. Elford, manager, and Mr. Munsie, secretary. Mr. Elford has resided here for the past thirty years and is one of our prominent citizens. He has charge of the mills. Mr. Wm. Munsie has lived in Victoria the past eighteen years, and is prominent in commercial circles. He has various mercantile, sealing and other interests. With the officers the board of directors includes the followigg representative business men: Messrs. S N. Coburn, Lewis Maurice, Michael King, G. F. Jeanneret, and Andrew Haslam, Nanaimo. They are all identified with the lumber trade and are leading business men.

Victoria Planing Mills—Muirhead and Mann.

One of the oldest and largest industrial establishments of Victoria, and also one of the largest lumber manufacturing establishments of British Columbia, is that of Muirhead and Mann, proprietors of the Victoria planing mills, whose offices and plant are on Constance street. In 1870 this enterprise was inaugurated, and has enjoyed a steady growth from the outset, the patronage today coming from all parts of British Columbia. The plant covers a very large area, and is the most modern and perfect of the kind on the coast. The main mill is a substantial three-story structure, having a ground area of 125x125 feet. The first floor is utilized for the machinery, the second floor for mill and bench work, and the third for manufacturing sash, doors and staves. The mechanical apparatus represents all the modern ideas for rapid and perfect work in their line, and this is operated by steam power. Two powerful engines are provided, so that in case of accident to one the other may be used, thus preventing the possibility of delay. There are three large storehouses, one of which, just completed, is three stories high, 100x20 feet in area, and is mostly used for storage of glass, which commodity the firm imports in large quantities from England and Belgium. They manufacture mouldings, doors, windows, blinds, house-furnishing, etc., and consume 250,000 feet of lumber a month. At present they employ forty workmen, but the staff is often upward of 100, while the payroll at times exceeds $5,000 a month. A specialty it made of ship joiner work, and the firm has supplied the materials for many of the largest steamers on the Sound. They also provided the material for the court house at Nanaimo, the government buildings at Victoria, and for other leading buildings throughout the province. Messrs. James Muirhead and J. G Mann are the members of the firm. Both are natives of Scotland, Mr Muirhead coming here in 1857 and Mr. Mann in 1862. Their wide experience and exceptional business ability have won for these gentlemen a high place in the business world.

British Columbia Pottery Co., Ltd.

One of the leading industrial establishments of the province is the British Columbia Pottery Company, Ltd., whose head offices and warehouse are at 22½ Pandora street, Victoria, and factory on Constance Cove road, in Victoria West, along the line of the E & N. Ry. In 1890 this business was established, the present style being taken four months ago. The company is incorporated under the laws of British Columbia, and the officers are: President C. A. Vernon; secretary, Joseph Hunter; manager, A. F. Barham. The works cover an area of about four acres, and the plant includes everything the most modern and complete in the line of machinery and appliances. They manufacture salt glazed vitrified sewer pipes and connections; double strength culvert pipes; agricultural drain tile; inverts; paving brick; flooring tiles; flue and stove linings, and and all kinds of fire brick and fire clay goods, chimney tops, flowerpots, terra cotta to architects designs, etc. These goods are for durability and general excellence, unsurpassed by any upon the market and meet with ready sales wherever introduced. This is the only factory of the kind in the province and virtually controls the trade of British Columbia. The most liberal and reliable methods characterize the operations of the company and to the persistent efforts of the management to advance the interests of patrons, the enterprise owes its own rapid advancement. Mr. Barham, the manager, was born in England, is the son of one of the leading pottery and tile manufacturers in the West of England and has wide experience in this line of business. The works foreman, Mr. John Gibbon, is a native of Scotland, and is a thoroughly practical man in all points connected with the effective working of his department. The company intends to develop its scope of manufactures so as to fully cover all the ground which the increasing prosperity of the province will open up in its line of business.

The Canada Paint Co., Ltd.

This is one of the most extensive industries in Canada, and the Victoria branch has grown to be a most important factor in the general commerce of the city. The company was formed in the spring of 1892, and is a consolidation of three of the largest concerns in the business, namely, Ferguson, Alexander and Co., Montreal; The Wm. Johnson, Co., Montreal; and the A. G. Peuchen Co., Toronto. The Victoria branch was established in the fall of 1892, and is a most important industry to this part of the country. The company gives employment to more than 200 people in all, employing nothing but white men, no Chinese or such cheap labor being tolerated The Victoria factory is the only one of its kind in the province and is designed to keep out eastern and foreign goods and thus encourage home industry. The plant is situated on Janion wharf and consists of a large building 30x150 feet in area, besides a warehouse of the same dimensions. The factory is perfectly equipped, being provided with the most improved machinery. The range of production includes, white lead, putty, dry colors, colors in oil, coach colors, ready mixed paints, lacquers, varnishes, kalsomine, etc. The Victoria branch has had a most flourishing career and has made a reputation throughout this section for the excellence of its productions. The trade is large in extent and covers this entire western country. The stock is also carried in Vancouver for prompt shipment of mainland orders. The officers of this company are Mr. S. F. McKinnon, president, and Mr. Robert Munro, managing director. The Victoria branch is under the management of Mr. James L. Forrester, manager for British Columbia, who was formerly with Ferguson, Alexander & Co. He is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and has a long experience in the business. Mr. John Burns, jr., of Vancouver, represents the company on the road, and in that capacity has done much to forward the company's interests in B. C.

T. B. Pearson and Co.

Among our prominent manufacturing industries is that of Messrs. T. B. Pearson & Co. This enterprise was founded in 1884, and has had a most rapid and prosperous development. The factory and salesrooms are at 30 Yates street, and comprises a large two-story building, with every facility for the business transacted. The range of production includes clothing, shirts, underwear, cottonade pants, overalls, etc., and the make of this house has gained a most favorable reputation. Materials for manufacture are brought direct from the best sources, and nothing but first-class goods are made. The salesroom is replete with a full stock of all productions of the house, and this concern is one of the leading enterprises of its kind in the Northwest. The trade is wholesale only, and extends throughout the province and the Northwest. A large trade is done in the Kootenay district, this firm having supplied the trade there since its opening.

Point Ellice Saw and Planing Mills.

Of the various commercial enterprises which bear an important relation to our general commerce, none are more significant than the lumber trade, of which Messrs. James Leigh and Sons are most worthy representatives. This business was established some six years ago, and has developed a very large trade, extending throughout the island. The plant is one of the largest and most complete in the North-west. The mill is 52x180 feet in area and is provided with the latest improved wood-working machinery, appliances and tools. The equipment also includes large dry kiln storehouses, for storing mouldings and dressed lumber. The list of production embraces all kinds of rough and dressed lumber, laths, shingles, pickets, mouldings, and in fact the entire output of a first-class lumber and planing mill. They have a large capacity, cutting an average of 40,000 feet per day. Fifteen skilful workmen are employed. This firm is composed of Mr. James Leigh and his sons, Messrs. J. L., S. M. and A. J. Leigh. These gentlemen came here from Toronto, Canada, where they operate the large engine works, known as James Leigh and Sons also the Belleville City Flour Mills. Messrs. J. L. and S. M. Leigh devote their entire time to the management of the lumber business, which has become so prosperous in their hands. Mr. A. J. Leigh manages the Toronto concern. Machinery, engines, boilers and mill gear, also supplies are handled by Messrs. Leigh and Sons, these being the productions of their eastern manufactory, the machinery handled being sold under a guarantee of giving satisfaction in any respect.

Stemler & Earle.

One of the oldest and most important of the manufacturing establishments of Victoria is that of Stemler and Earle, proprietors of the pioneer steam coffee and spice mills, located on Pembroke street, between Government and Douglas. In 1875 this business was established, and from the very outset has enjoyed exceptional prosperity, until to-day they sell to the leading wholesale establishments of the province, and through these they find ready markets in all parts of the country. The premises occupied consists of a two-story building, 75x40 feet in area, supplied with everything in the line of modern and approved machinery and appliances, operated by steam. Several skilled assistants are employed and the output consists of coffees, spices, cocoa, cream tartar, mustard and baking powder, all of which stand with no superior on the market. Messrs L. Stemler and T. Earle are the members of the firm. Mr. Earle is a prominent wholesale grocer and one of our most influential citizens. Upon Mr. Stemler devolves the active management of the business. Mr. Stemler has lived in Victoria for about thirty years. He is a man of exceptional business abilitiy and wide experience. To his efforts the success of this venture is largely due.

Excelsior Brewing Company.

One of our most flourishing enterprises is that of the Excelsior Brewing Company, whose plant is located on Esquimalt road, Victoria West. Eight years ago this enterprise was inaugurated, Mr. Steve O'Brien becoming proprietor on July 14, 1894. Mr. O'Brien successfully conducted until Sept. 14th, 1895, when he admitted into partnership Messrs. Doering and Marstrand, Williams and Barker, and the present style was taken. The premises occupied consist of a large two-story, brick building, supplied with everything in the line of modern appliances that can in any way facilitate operations. Steam supplies the motive power. Here from ten to fifteen thoroughly experienced workmen are employed, and the capacity of the brewery is 40 barrels a day. They manufacture lager beer, English ale and stout, and these products for purity and excellence of flavor, are unsurpassed. Nothing but the best materials are used, and experienced foremen supervise all departments. The company does all its own bottling. The trade comes from the city and vicinity, and all the leading hotels and liquor dealers handle the goods. Mr. Steve O'Brien is the popular proprietor of the Grotto saloon, Victoria; Messrs. Charles Doering and Otto Marstrand, are proprietors of the well-known Alexandria Brewery, Vancouver; and Messrs. John Williams and Ernest Barker, are proprietors of the well-known Red Cross Brewery of Vancouver.

W. J. Pendray.

The only soap factory in Victoria, and the leading one in British Columbia, is that of Mr. W. J. Pendry, 19-25 Humbolt street. In 1875, upon a small scale compared with its present proportions, this enterprise was founded, and through all the intervening years has been steadily growing, expanding its trade limits, until to-day the trade patronage comes from all parts of the province and the greater portion of the soaps consumed are "Pendray's." The plant is one of the most complete of the kind in the country. The main factory is 60x85 feet in area, two stories high, and every modern machine is provided, including soap boilers, soap presses, soap powder mills, a bluing grinder, etc. A large number of expert workmen are employed, and the output includes laundry, toilet, kitchen, shaving and extract of soaps; sal soda, laundry blue, liquid blue; stove polish, shoe blacking, and vinegar, paper boxes and agricultural spray, while they deal in caustic soda and rosin. There are some forty brands of soaps made, including Blue Mottled, Electric, Ivory, Jubilee, Home Rule, Brown Windsor, Carbolic, Glycerine, Oatmeal, White Castile, etc., a specialty being made of "Electric," which has tremendous sales. A medal was awarded the Pendray soaps at the Colonial and Indian exposition. The growth of this enterprise is entirely due to the thorough experience and business ability of its founder. Mr. Pendray was born in Cornwall, West England, and has resided here for over thirty-five years.

Chris. Morley's.

This business was established twenty-eight years ago by Mr. Thos. Shotbolt and shortly afterwards came under control of Messrs. Greenwood and Morley. Sixteen years ago Mr. Chris. Morley became sole proprietor and has since conducted the business most successfully. The factory is situated at No. 7 Waddington alley, and is thoroughly equipped, including the latest improved steam machinery and a Bernet & Foster soda water machine, which has a capacity of 30,000 bottles per day. Here are manufactured soda, seltzer, lithia, magnesia, and plain aerated waters, lemonade, ginger ale and beer, sarsaparilla, cream soda, raspberry, lemon, gum vanilla, strawberry, orgent, pine apple, orange, and many other kinds of syrup. The specialties are raspberry vinegar, lime juice cordial, essence of pepperment, ginger and bitters. A specialty is also made of bottling wines, and dealing in wine bottles, and a large business is done in this particular line. The products of this concern are noted for their purity, flavor and general excellence. Mr. Chris. Morley, the proprietor, has resided here since 1862 and is one of our early pioneers. He is well known and is prominently identified with many important interests.

Pacific Sauce and Vinegar Works.

No city in the northwest can boast of larger industrial enterprises than Victoria, and among the best known and most successful of these must be ranked the Pacific Sauce and Vinegar Works, H. J. Brady and Co., proprietors, at 66 and 68 Blanchard street. In February, 1885, upon a small scale compared with its present extensive proportions, this business was established and from the outset has enjoyed phenomenal success owing to the high grade of the output. It is the pioneer establishment in this line of business. Each year has seen the hold upon popular favor grow stronger, until to-day the trade comes from all parts of British Columbia, and wherever the goods are introduced they meet with ready sales. The premises occupied consists of a pacious two-story brick structure, equipped with everything in the line of modern machinery, operated by steam, and here a staff of experienced assistants are employed. The output consists of vinegars, sauces, pickles, tomato catsup, chutney, apple cider, flavoring extract, curry powder, liquid blue, etc., specialties being made of Worcestershire sauce, wine and malt vinegar. These goods are equal to any, and superior to most goods on the market. Mr. H. J. Brady, the proprietor, was born in Yorkshire, England, and in his native land thoroughly mastered every detail of this business. Twelve years ago he came to Victoria and since that time has thoroughly identified himself with the interests of Victoria.

M. Cohen.

There is no better known nor more largely patronized cigar business in Victoria than that of Mr. M. Cohen, manufacturer of Havana cigars, at 62 Wharf street. Seven years ago this enterprise was inaugurated, and from the very outset has enjoyed exceptional prosperity. Each year has seen the goods grow in popular favor, until today the patronage comes from all parts of the province, and is rapidly increasing. The main building is 80x40 feet in area, thoroughly modern and complete in appointment. From ten to fifteen cigar-makers, thoroughly experienced, are employed, and only the best materials are used. Of the numerous brands made the specialties are: British Pacific, Primrose and Golden Legend, all of which are enjoying exceptionally heavy sales. These are equal to any imported cigar upon the market, and superior to most. Wherever they are introduced they meet with rapid sales. Mr. Cohen came here eight years ago from San Francisco, where he was formerly in business. He is a thoroughly practical cigar-maker, and fully merits the success which has attended his efforts. In Victoria Mr. Cohen is very widely known and highly regarded.

M. R. Smith and Co.

Among our leading manufacturing industries is that of Messrs. M. R. Smith & Co., biscuit, bread and cake manufacturers. This representative enterprise was founded in 1858 by Mr. M. R. Smith, whose death early this year robbed Victoria of one of her most progressive business men. Mr. Smith started this business on a small scale. Its career has been one of steady progress toward the high position it now occupies, and in 1888, owing to the exigencies of a rapidly increasing trade, the present commodious plant was erected. The factory is situated in Niagara street near the outer wharf, and comprises two large buildings These are splendidly equipped, containing the most modern machinery and appliances. The list of production includes plain and fancy biscuits, bread, cakes, etc., and their excellence has won for them an enormous demand, extending all over the province and the Northwest Territories. The product of this house has taken gold and silver medals at various expositions, chief among them being the medal and diploma gained at the Indian and Colonial exposition, held in London, Eng., in 1886. Mr. M. R. Smith, the founder, was one of our most public-spirited men, and his death is lamented in business and social circles. The business is now conducted by his sons, who are natives of this city, and although young men, are well qualified for their important position.

James Freel.

An enterprising business house is that conducted by Mr. James Freel, dealer in boots and shoes, 91 Johnson street. This business was established some eighteen months ago, and has already become popular headquarters for everything in the line of boots and shoes. The store is well fitted up, being provided with every convenience known to the business. The stock carried is a very large one, and embraces all kinds, sizes, lasts and grades of boots and shoes. Mr. Freel is sole agent in British Columbia for Dick's boots and shoes and patent belting, and he is the only one in the province handling these celebrated goods. He also conducts a boot and shoe store at 520 Hastings street, Vancouver, where he handles a full line of the same class of goods. Dick's boots and shoes and patent belting have a wide reputation for durability and superior workmanship, and such is the high repute in which they are held that recently Mr. Freel has been obliged to double his manufacturing capacity. Mr. James Freel was born in Scotland. He also conducts a retail grocery store on Hillside avenue. The business was established four years ago, and is one of the most thoroughly representative family grocery stores in Victoria. Mr. Freel is well known here, and is prominent in business circles.

Raymond and Sons.

One of the leading industrial enterprises of Victoria is that of Raymond and Sons, lime manufacturers and dealers in builders' supplies, who are at 3 Pandora street and warehouses in the E. & N. R. R. yard, Victoria. This business was established here ten years ago and from the very outset has enjoyed exceptional prosperity. The output is from 60 to 70 barrels of lime a day. The firm also owns another plant at Shawnigan Lake. The lime manufactured by this firm is pronounced by builders to be without a superior. The firm also deal in coal and wood and handle everything in the line of builders' supplies. Mr. John Raymond and his sons, Percy and John, are the members of the firm.

Henry Clay.

One of the popular establishments of Victoria is that of Mr. Henry Clay, baker and confectioner, located at 39 Fort street. Since its establishment this house has enjoyed exceptional favor, today it enjoys a patronage coming from all parts of the city and vicinity. The premises occupied are spacious and splendidly appointed. The salesrooms are heavily stocked with the choicest of confectionary, cakes, pies, etc., while the manufacturing department is replete with every appliance that can in any way perfect the work. Several skilled assistants are employed and the output includes everything in fancy cakes, pies, bread, candies, etc. These goods are unsurpassed in the city. A specialty is made of catering for wedding parties, balls, etc. Mr. Henry Clay has resided here for some years. He is a thorough master of his business, a man of business capacity and honorable principles.

Thomas Shaw.

One of our most efficient business men is Mr. Thomas Shaw, who, previous to his embarking upon his present venture, was for some years manager of the Albion Iron works. In the summer of 1895 Mr. Shaw leased the large boiler shops on store street from Mr. John Robertson, and since that time has been engaged in the manufacture of boilers, retorts, etc., a specialty being made of marine boilers. The plant is one of the largest and best equipped of the kind in the province. The main building is 120x50 feet in area. A staff of skilled workmen are employed, and the trade comes from all parts of the surrounding country Only the best materials are used, and the output is unsurpassed for durability and general excellence.

J. W. Creighton.

The headquarters for fine merchant tailoring is situated at 86 Government street. This business was established about twenty years ago by J. C Leask and Co., the present proprietor, who was for a time a member of that firm, becoming sole owner three years ago. The premises occupied are spacious and well appointed, being arranged for the most possible display of the unusually fine stock carried. Mr. Creighton is one of the first always to introduce the new patterns and latest styles and is composed of the finest importations of suitings, trouserings, etc. He employs ten expert tailors and guarantees a good fit and fine finish. Mr. Creighton is himself an expert tailors and artistic cutter, taking charge of that department himself. He has built up a large trade and his garments are noted for their fine finish, good fit and general fashionable appearance. Mr. Creighton was born in Picton, Nova Scotia, and came to Victoria seven years ago.

J. Leahy.

The brewing interest is represented here by large and long established enterprises and of these one of the oldest is that of Mr. J. Leahy at 124 Johnson street. Some thirty years ago this business was originally founded and for the past sixteen years Mr. Leahy has been successfully conducting it. The premises consist of a two-story, brick structure, about 100x100 feet in area, thoroughly modern and complete in appointment and containing every facility that can perfect the output. The product consists of steam beer, ale and porter, and the output is 1,500 gallons a week. These beverages are unexcelled for purity and excellence of flavor and are in great demand in all parts of the city and locality; most of the best hotels handling them, and Mr. Leahy supplies ale and stout to Her Majesty's ships and Royal Engineers. Mr. Leahy was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and came to Victoria twenty-five years ago. Besides being a thorough master of the brewing business he is a able business man and to his own untiring efforts is due the success of his enterprise. He has various interests here.

H. A. Lilley.

For pure, unadulterated and excellently flavored candy, the establishment of Mr. H. A. Lilley has long been noted in this section. Mr. Lilley established this business eighteen years ago and has built up an immense trade, wholesale and retail, throughout the city and province. His factory and salesroom is at 105 Douglas street. The same consists of a two-story and a basement building. The first floor is utilized for a salesroom, the manufacturing departments being located in the basement and the second floor Mr. Lilley manufactures all kinds of plain and fancy candies, and his productions have a standard reputation for excellence. He is also celebrated for his ice-cream, and his parlors are very popular during the hot months. Mr. Lilley is also importer of and dealer in foreign and domestic fruits, nuts, cigars, etc. Mr, H. A. Lilley was born in England, but has resided for twenty-two years in Victoria.

Brayshaw's Carriage Factory.

A flourishing establishment of our city is Brayshaw's carriage factory, Mr. T. M. Brayshaw, proprietor, located at 17 Broughton street. Ten years ago this enterprise was inaugurated the present proprietor, taking possession in 1893. Light and heavy vehicles of every description are manufactured and repaired, and the work for durability and general excellence is unsurpassed. The factory is a substantial, two-story and basement brick building, 85x55 feet in area, thoroughly equipped with all modern appliances. Eight thoroughly experienced assistants are employed and the trade comes from all parts of the city and vicinity. Mr. Brayshaw is also a practical horseshoer and employs only competent men to attend to that department. Mr. Brayshaw was born in England, but moved with his parents to New Zealand, when but a child. He was raised in New Zealand and there learned his trade, coming to Victoria some five years ago. In the prime of life, enterprising and a thorough master of his trade, Mr. Brayshaw fully merits the success which has attended his venture.

Bentley & McGregor.

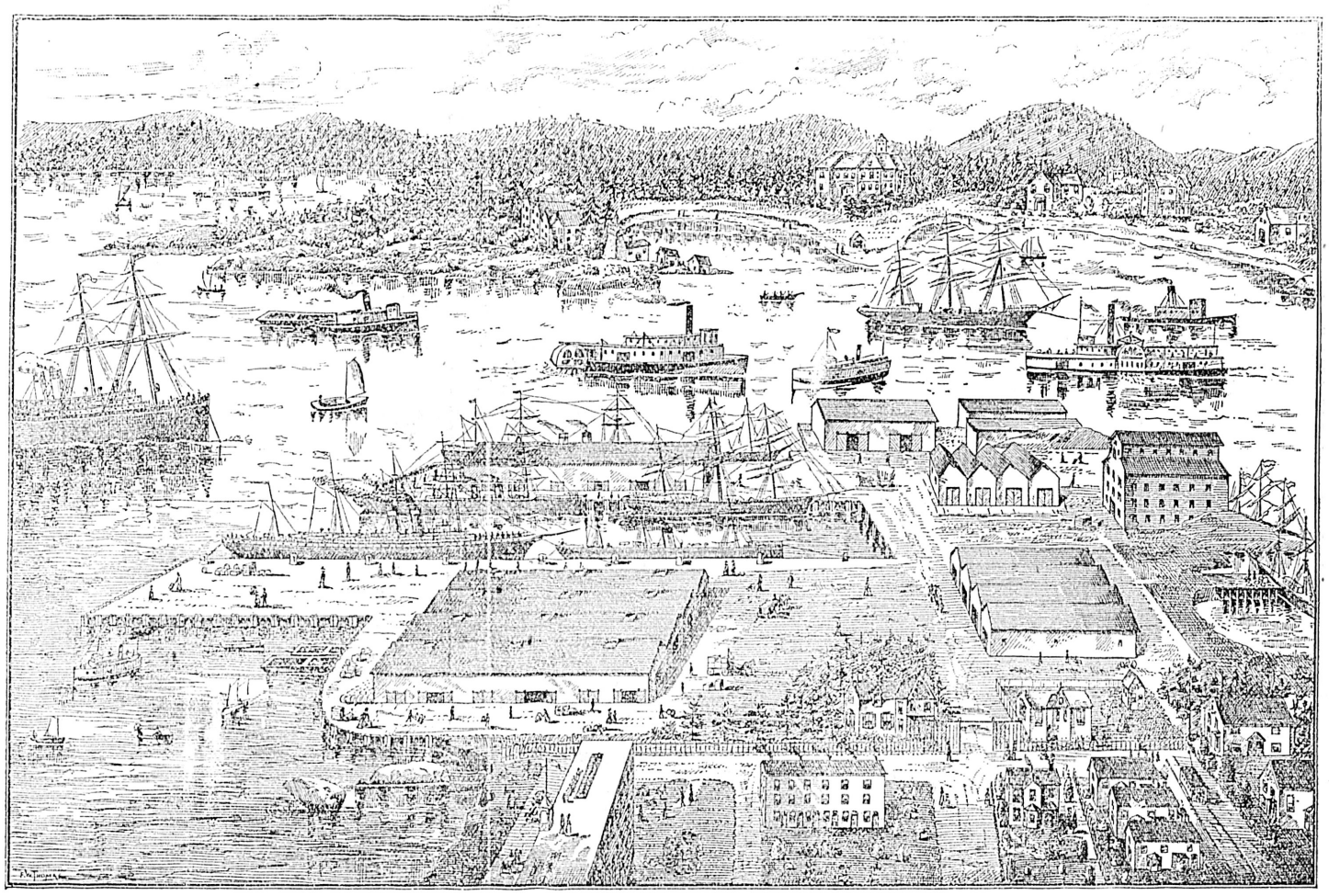
In the manufacture of patent medicines there are so many deceptions practiced upon the public that we are pleased to attract the notice of our readers to the firm of Messrs. Bentley and McGregor, manufacturers of several remedies whose curative powers are too well known in this section to require any special comment on their merits. We have not the space to do justice to these medicines and must be content with a short notice. The German Pain and Rheumatic Cure, for external or internal pain, lameness, etc., has proved its superiority and consequently has a very large sale. The same may be said of Indian Vegetable Cough Syrup, and Stubs' Vegetable Blood Purifier, Red Drops and the various other productions of this laboratory. The laboratory is located at the corner of Government and Bay streets. The firm is a most progressive one and in introducing such powerful remedies to the public, have demonstrated their business abilities as well as the efficacy of their goods. Mr. John Bentley formerly lived in Montreal, where he was engaged in business. Mr. J. W. McGregor came here from Nova Scotia. Both are well known in business circles.

T. W. Walker and Co.

A popular merchant tailoring establishment of Victoria is that of T. W. Walker and Co., located at 22 Trounce avenue. In 1893 this business was established and has met with much success. Only the most expert operatives are employed, and the stock includes the finest of imported and domestic goods. Repairing and cleaning is also done. Prices in all instances are very moderate. Mr. T. W. Walker is a young man and a native of England. He came here from Montana, where he was in business in Philipsburg and Butte.

J. H. Falconer.

Among the flourishing industrial establishments of Victoria is that of Mr. J. H. Falconer. In the spring of 1890 this enterprise was inaugurated and the success was immediate. The public at once recognized the high quality of the articles manufactured and the liberal inducements offered; patronage began to flow in from all sides, and the future of the establishment was assured, in fact Mr. Falconer is one of the few men in this city that has made money during the hard times. The premises located at



R. P. RITHET & CO'S DOCKS AND WAREHOUSES, OUTER WHARF.

126-128 Fort street, are spacious and equipped with everything in the line of modern machines and appliances that can in anyway perfect the output, which includes realt, cider, white wine and raspberry vinegars, ciders of all kinds, mixed pickles, sauces, k tchups, flavoring extracts and fruit syrups, etc., and the trade comes from all parts of the province. Mr. Falconer is a young man of wide experience in this line. He was born in Scotland and came here from Toronto where he was a member of the firm of Badgerow and Falconer.

James Baker.

The soil about Victoria is especially adapted for the manufacture of brick and consequently we find flourishing here many large enterprises devoted to this industry. Among these, one of special prominence is that of Mr. James Baker, located on Douglas street. Six years ago this yard was opened and the excellence of the product won for it immediate success, which time has only served to increase. The yard is equipped with every modern device and steam is provided, while the product consists of red brick, the capacity being 50,000 a day. These find ready sales not only in Victoria, but also throughout Vancouver Island and the mainland. This brick has been used in the construction of many of our best buildings and has given satisfaction in every instance. Mr. James Baker is very widely known as a progressive citizen. He has various important interests here among which may be mentioned his ice business which is very extensive. Mr. Baker's offices are at 65 Pembroke street.

John McKenzie.

Prominently identified with the manufacture of horse-furnishing goods in this city is Mr. John McKenzie, who established his business here in 1892. The factory and salesroom is at 41 Pandora street, and is 20x90 feet in area. Here will be found saddles, buggy, carriage and wagon harness, carriage trimmings, and everything in the horse-furnishing line. Job work is made a specialty, and all such work is promptly executed. Several expert harness-makers are employed. Mr. McKenzie came here in December, 1891, from St. Johns, New Foundland, where he was engaged in the same line of enterprise. He was born at Picton, Nova Scotia.

Thomas Roarke.

In 1880 Mr. R. T. Williams began business here in the manufacture of rubber stamps, and in 1892 Mr. Roarke became proprietor, and added to his enterprise book and job printing. The premises occupied at 28 Broad street comprise the second aud third floors, affording ample room for all purposes. The equipment is most perfect. Mr. Roarke is prepared to do anything in the line of book or job printing, and makes a specialty of office work, such as bill heads, letter heads, statements, folders, cards, placards, posters, etc. He makes a specialty of rubber stamp making, and is splendidly equipped for the work. Mr. Roarke is a native of this city. He is well known and has a large patronage among our leading business houses. He managed the business for Mr Williams from 1883 to 1892.

J. T. Burrows,

PRACTICAL TAILOR, 94 DOUGLAS STREET

Among the popular business houses of Victoria, is that of J. T. Burrows, merchant tailor, whose premises are at 94 Douglas street. From the very outset Mr. Burrows has enjoyed exceptional prosperity, owing to the high grade stock he carries and the excellence of the fit and workmanship of the garments he turns out. The premises are spacious and well equipped and the stock includes the finest of tweeds, worsteds, suitings, etc., both of English and home makes. Only the most competent white help is employed, and the charges are very moderate. Mr. Burrows is a native of England. He has lived here for some years and ranks among our enserprising citizens. Mr. Burrows will have the newest spring and summer goods on view in Victoria for the coming season.

R. Roberts.

The pioneer tailor of Victoria is Mr. R. Roberts, whose premises are centrally located at 29 Fort street. In March, 1868, Mr. Roberts established this business and has occupied a leading place ever since among the fashionable, high-class merchant tailors. He imports all his goods direct from Scotland and other centres, and employs nothing but the most competent male help. Mr. Roberts is an artist in his line and keeps himself thoroughly posted in the American and English fashions. Perfect fits are guaranteed, and many of our leading citizens are among his permanent patrons. Mr. Roberts was born in Liverpool seventy-one years ago, and has lived here since 1864. He was an alderman in 1883, and is too widely known to require introduction from us.

Imperial Art Studio.

One of the most popular photograph galleries in Victoria, is the Imperial Art Studo, Mr. E. J. Eyres, proprietor, at 76 Yates street. In October, 1892, this studio was opened, and the excellence of the work at once gained it an enviable popularity, which time is only adding to. Mr. Eyres was born in England and has had thirty-five years' experience in this line. Before coming here he was for years identified with a celebrated London photographic establishment, and for the last seven of these years was manager of their dry-plate house. Mr. Eyres discovered the art of photographing on porcelain, a process now almost universally used. His studio is a model of completeness. His skylight is placed at an angle of 45 degrees, the system now universally used in England, and is the only one of the kind used in the province. It is a fac-simile of the one used in his studio in England which won the first prize for perfect equipment. Everything in the line of photography is attended to, including pastel, crayon, water and oil work.

Skene Lowe.

One of our leading photographers and one who has earned that reputation by means of his excellent work in his art is Mr. Skene Lowe, 63 Government street. This business was established in 1886 by Messrs. Hall and Lowe, the latter becoming sole proprietor six years ago. Mr. Lowe is splendidly equipped for the business, and is provided with the latest improvements in the art. He is prepared to do anything in the line of photography, and makes a specialty of portrait work and enlargements in crayon, inks, pastel, etc., employing two skilled artists for this purpose. His work is said to be among the best in the city, and he has built up a very large patronage. Mr. Lowe was born in England. He came here from Winnipeg, where he was formerly in business. He is well known as one of our most popular photographers.

Meiss and Gold.

Here is a case where in patronizing home industry the consumer of cigars will benefit himself. The above firm of cigar manufacturers was established 1st January, 1896, and their aim is to put on the market the best article to be had. Their factory, at 54 Johnson street, is well equipped and union men only are employed. The firm get their supply from Messrs. London and McIntyre, leaf importers, of San Francisco, and their stock consists of the finest Havana tobacco only. They have named their productions the "Capital" and "Havana Mail," both of which are pronounced by good judges to be excellent in flavor and of the most delicate aroma. They are sold by all dealers and special boxes are made to order. The proprietors are enterprising young men and both have had fifteen years' experience in the same line

B. C. Novelty Works.

This popular establishment, of which Mr. James Newbegging is proprietor, was established seven years ago. The shops at 105 Douglas street, are provided with lathes and all other requisite appliances, operated by gas power, and only competent help is employed. Repairing of sewing machines, lawn mowers, bicycles, typewriters and all kinds of light machinery, is neatly executed, while safes are also opened and repaired. All work is promptly attended to. Mr. Newbegging was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and was for five years foreman of the Raymond sewing machine company's factory in Guelph, Ontario.

J. C. Hay.

Six years ago this popular enterprise was established, and has enjoyed exceptional success from the outset. It is known as the "Fashion Shoeing shop," and everything in the line of farrier-work and horse-shoeing is attended to, a specialty being made of livery and interfering horses, with which special pains are taken. It is the leading establishment of its kind here. The building is a substantial brick structure, 40x60 feet in area and completely equipped Only experienced help is employed. Mr. Hay has resided here seven years. He was born in Paisley, Ontario, and there learned his business. Young, active and enterprising, Mr Hay is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows, and has real estate and other interests.

J. W. Keller.

This business, corner of Yates and Quadra streets, was established ten years ago, and has since developed quite a large trade, both local and throughout the entire province. The premises comprise a two-story building, which will be enlarged in the near future, owing to increased store room being necessary to meet the requirements of the increasing business. Mr. Keller manufactures ornamental center pieces and brackets, Corinthian and Doric capitals, and is importer and dealer in glazed, enameled, printed and art tiles, sewer pipe, fire brick, fire clay, cement, plaster, etc. The trade is both wholesale and retail in character, and Mr. Keller supplies all the leading contractors and builders in the city and province. Mr. J. W. Keller was born in New York state. Early in life he removed to California, and was for forty years engaged in business at San Francisco. Thirteen years ago he came to Victoria.

Chicago Candy Factory.

Ten years ago this now very successful business was established, and in 1890 Mr. G. A. McCulloch became proprietor. The premises are at 34 Government street. In the salesrooms is carried a choice stock of staple and fancy confections, fruits, etc., a specialty being made of fine confectionery, while the factory is replete with every appliance that can in any way facilitate operations and nothing but the choicest candy is made. The trade is retail Mr. McCulloch was born in Victoria. He was formerly for some time with Lawrence, whom he succeeded.

J. D. McIntosh.

The pioneer boat builder of this part of the coast is Mr. J. D. McIntosh, at 2 Wharf street and 2 Government street. Mr. McIntosh is a native of Scotland, but has resided on the Pacific coast since 1849. He has lived in Victoria many years. He builds row boats, sail boats, yachts, steam yachts, etc., and these for safety and speed are unexcelled. The premises include four buildings. These are: the factory, with all modern appliances; the boat house, where about 50 boats of all kinds are kept for renting out; the launch house, for naptha launches, etc., and the club house for private boats.

Domestic Bakery.

Three years ago Mr. Robert Marshall established the now popular Domestic Bakery. The best of plain and fancy bread, pies, cakes, etc., are made, the specialties being "home-made" and "whole-wheat" bread. Wedding cakes are made to order, and a special feature is catering for balls, parties, etc. Mr. Marshall has lived here for seven years

A. Gussfield.

One of the best known and most skilled boat builders on the coast is Mr. A. Gussfield, whose shops are on Work street and Rock Bay. Five years ago Mr. Gussfield established business here and has been very successful. He builds everything from sail boats, fishing smacks and row boats up to the finest racing yachts, and his work is unequalled for durability and general excellence.

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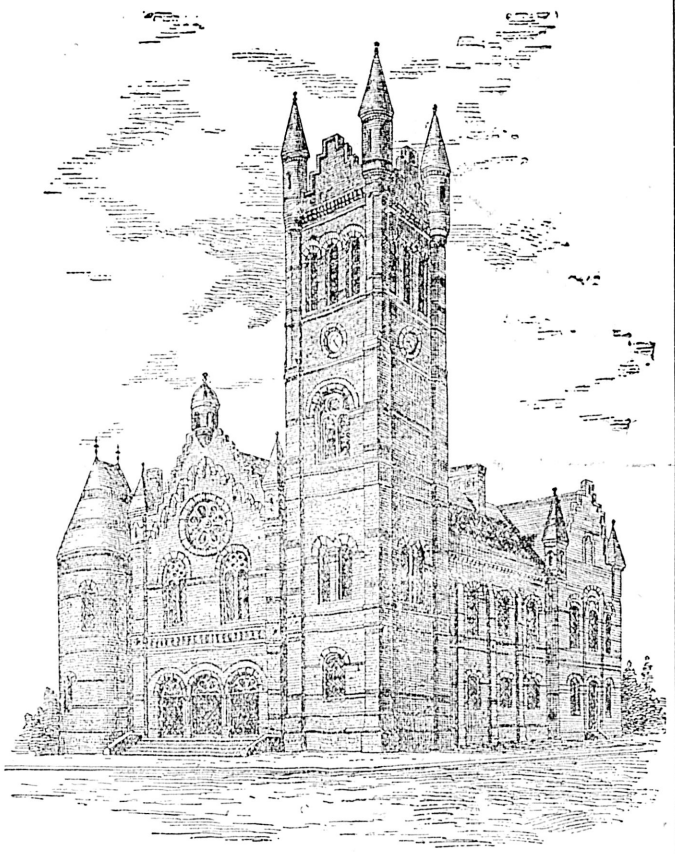
When one speaks of the "business men" of any town the average man, in nine cases out of ten, thinks first of the retailers. Nor is this without good and weighty reasons, for of all the enterprises of a community, that of a retail dealer brings him closest to the everyday life of all the people and closest to their pocket books—and that is "business."

Here in Victoria the policy of the people has been not to concentrate the business life of the city upon any one street. Hence Government, Fort, Yates, Douglas and Johnson streets are all bustling commercial thoroughfares, while a vast amount of substantial business is transacted daily, with very little show, on Wharf street, the mart of the wholesalers. Government street being the first business avenue still retains first importance, an importance materially enhanced by the erection of the new Post Office and Custom House building upon it, while for massive structures of brick, stone and plate glass Douglas street is also rapidly attaining prominence. All of the business streets boast buildings of imposing design and the most modern arrangement, but the city differs from many others in the neighboring states in that it is far from being built to meet a non-existent demand. Four and five story blocks are uncommon, but every foot of accommodation provided is utilized.



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

It is in the great essential of ample stocks that the retail establishments excite appreciative surprise. Not that they do not make a brave window show as well, for they certainly do, but because the completeness and the magnitaude of Victoria's leading retail establishments are not equalled anywhere else in the Pacific north-west. Handsome to a degree, almost palatial, some of the Government street stores are too; and nothing can give a visitor a more favorable opinion of the city than to enter these model and artistic establishments. Nor is anything more likely to commend to him the enterprise of Victoria's merchants than a walk through their business premises. Such a tour is in itself a liberal education in up-to-date business methods.

The methods of attracting and holding trade adopted by the average Victoria retailer are also characteristic. He states facts freely and plainly in the local press and redeems all his promises to his patrons at par. Then, too, he makes it a point to surround himself with courteous and capable assistants who treat friend or stranger equally, and serve each customer with celerity, intelligence and tact. Prices as a rule are but sufficient to give a fair working margin, and when it is borne in mind that Victorians import direct from the great markets of the world and so anticipate rather than follow the fashions on the Pacific Coast, it can safely be said that no fault can be found under this head.

It is claimed that in New York city one can buy anything from a scalping knife to an obolisk and from a microbe to a human soul. Victoria does not care to emulate that boast; but does claim to be able to furnish about as great a variety of articles, the products of any continent and any nation, as can be supplied in any city west of the big town on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Nor has the limit been reached yet. The stocks that are being purchased by Victoria merchants in preparation for the spring trade will be the largest and finest ever brought to the city—stocks that will double discount those of the old boom days. They know what they are doing. The careful estimates of well posted and conservative men place the volume of retail business for the whole city at from twenty-five to thirty-three per cent. better than that of a year ago; and some of the principal dealers have reported sales, day after day, as double those of corresponding days in 1895. Better still, there is a much larger percentage of cash business—so much larger that more than one prominent merchant has dared to abandon all credit business and hang up the sign "Terms cash."

Here are brief sketches of the best known and most popular retail houses in the city:

David Spencer.

The dry goods trade is one of the most important of the business interests of the city, and in this, as in other lines, there are some specially prominent establishments that have gained their success as the result of many years of active connection with the business interests of the city. Of special rate among these is the house of Mr. David Spencer, recognized as a leader in the retail dry goods trade, and occupying premises on Government street. The establishment is widely known among the citizens of Victoria and British Columbia for the care with which the stock is selected, it being recognized as to quality as the finest carried in the city, chosen with a special reference to the demands of the best class of trade, and representing the most desirable productions of leading looms and factories of Europe and America. Employment is given to a large number of clerks and assistants, and the business is effectively divided into many departments, the assortment, including everything in the line of cottons, dress goods, silks, satins, velvets, and dry goods of every description, notions, ladies' hosiery and furnishing goods, and all articles that properly belong to a first-class dry goods establishment, and a specialty is made of fine dressmaking and millinery, these departments being under the direction of special artists. Mr. Spencer imports direct from England, Germany and France, obtaining the latest novelties and fashions. Retail orders are given special attention, and a large business of this description is transacted. The house is a favorite with the public generally; it was founded in 1878, and its career has been one of steady progress. The premises occupied consist of a large two-story building 66x240 feet in area, together with an addition of 30x40 feet. However, to meet the requirements of the trade, Mr. Spencer recently secured control of the adjoining building and is now fitting it up and making extensive improvements. This addition when complete, will make the "Arcade" the largest dry goods house in Victoria. Mr. Spencer came here in 1864; previous to engaging in his present enterprise, he was engaged in the fancy goods and stationery business. He possesses various other interests and has been a factor in the rebuilding and advancement of Victoria.

Henry Young and Co.

Henry Young and Co. have been in business in the city since 1860, the son, Mr. H. B. Young, becoming a partner ten years ago. This is one of the leading establishments of its kind in Victoria, and besides a large city trade does a very large business throughout the province its mail-order business being very large. The premises occupied at 67 Government street, comprise a two-story building 33x 22 feet in area. The first floor is the dry goods department, which is replete with a large stock of everything in that line. On the second floor is the millinery and dressmaking departments. It is unnecessary to state that the stock in both departments is as fine as any other in the city. Mr. Young visits Europe annually for the purpose of buying goods, and the house has a splended reputation for handling not only the best, but also for selling the same at prices that ordinary competition cannot meet. Fifteen persons are employed about the premises and everything about the house has a metropolitan appearance. Mr Henry Young is a native of Germany, coming here in 1866 He speaks German, which fact gives the firm an advantage over other dealers. He is one of the best known business men. Mr. H. B. Young devotes all his time to the management of the business. He was born here, and is a young man of ability and enterprise.

S. Duck and Co.

This is a recent but valuable addition to our commerce and was established in January, 1895 The premises occupied for the business are at 58 Broad street, and comprise a three-story building owned by Mr. Duck and known as the Duck building. The business consists of dealing in new and secondhand furniture and house furnishing goods. Highest prices are given for household furniture. This business has already become a favorite one of its kind, and gives every promise of attaining no little prominence among our leading commercial enterprises. Mr. S. Duck, the proprietor, has resided in Victoria since 1858, and is one of our most prominent citizens. He was formerly Minister of Finance. Mr. Duck has large realty holdings, and is besides largely interested in various commercial enterprises. He is an enterprising business man, well known in commercial circles.

T. S. Futcher.

Among our large and flourishing business houses that of Mr. T. S. Futcher must be accorded a prominent place. In December, 1889, this business was established, and has enjoyed exceptional prosperity from the outset, until to-day the trade, which is both wholesale and retail, comes from all parts of the city and province. Mr. Futcher imports direct from all leading European and Asiatic countries. From Japan and China come tea, rice, silks, rugs, matting, curios, etc. Gloves and fancy goods of all kinds from France and Germany; perfumes from England, etc. His salesroom, known as the Japanese Bazaar, at 41 Fort street, is the finest and most completely stocked establishment of the kind in the province. Here is displayed everything in the line of curios, bric-a-brac, silk goods, dressing gowns, smoking jackets, lacquered ware, inlaid works, paper ware, bamboo furniture, fancy goods, and everything coming under the head of Japanese goods. Purchasing agents are maintained by the house in the leading cities of Japan, and the largest stock on the Pacific coast is that carried by Mr. Futcher. The splendid business relations maintained and the extensive scale of operations, enable Mr. Futcher to offer very special inducements to both the wholesale and retail trade, inducements which lesser houses cannot think of duplicating. Mr. Futcher is a man of recognized business ability, and is one of our most progressive citizens.

Wm. Wilson and Co.

This is our oldest established and most thoroughly representative dry goods establishment. The business was founded in 1861 and from its inception has occupied a foremost rank among similar enterprises. The premises occupied at 73 Government street, comprise a two-story building 25x100 feet in area. The first floor is the dry goods department, while on the second floor will be found the dressmaking department. This is one of our truly metropolitan establishments and the stock carried is one of the largest and complete in the province. None but goods of high repute and thorough reliability are imported, and only the best makes of Canadian and American manufactures are kept in stock. Mr. Wm. Wilson, the proprietor, was born in England, but has resided here for many years. He is regarded as a business man of ability and integrity.

M. W. Waitt and Co.

One of the oldest and largest music houses of the northwest is that of M. W. Waitt and Co., at 64 Government street. It was established in 1869 by the late M. W. Waitt. From the outset it enjoyed liberal patronage and time only served to strengthen its hold upon public favor. Sales are made in all parts of the province, several experienced agents representing the house on the road. The firm has the sole agencies of the province for Decker Bros., Steinway, Chickering, and Weber, and J. and C. Fischer pianos, of New York; Heintzman of Toronto, and Weber, of Berlin Also for Estey and Berlin organs, and for the leading manufacturers of stringed instruments; J. J. Taylor's safes and vault doors; Remington typewriters; Samuel May and Co.'s billiard and pool tables and supplies, etc. Bicycles and supplies and lawn tennis goods are also carried in great variety, the specialties being the Cleveland, Columbia and Crescent bicycles. Their premises consist of two floors, each 100x25 feet in area. The business has been under the management of Mr. Hubert Kent since 1887. Mr. Kent was born and educated in Victoria. He has had the widest experience in the musical line, and under his management this establishment is steadily increasing in business.

Erskine, Wall and Co.

One of the oldest and largest business houses of our city is that of Erskine, Wall and Co., grocers and provision dealers, at the corner of Government and Fort streets. Twenty-five years ago this enterprise was inaugurated, and in 1893 the present style was taken. The premises occupied consist of three floors 125x60 feet in area, thoroughly modern and complete in its appointment and equipment The salesrooms are tastefully furnished, have large show windows and contain a choice and carefully collected stock of everything in the line of staple and fancy groceries, provisions, wines and liquors, etc. All the articles mentioned being imported direct from the leading manufacturers. The extensive scale of operations enables the firm to offer very special inducements, which the public has been quick to recognize, for the trade comes from all parts of the city and vicinity and is constantly increasing. Six competent assistants are employed in the various departments. Messrs. Robert Erskine and E. J Wall are the proprietors. Mr. Erskine has resided here for thirteen years, while Mr. Wall is indeed an "old timer," having come to Victoria in 1862. Both gentlemen are public spirited and are highly respected as progressive citizens. Mr. Erskine served for some time as a school trustee of the city.

Robert Porter and Sons.

This establishment is the principal one of its kind in British Columbia. It was established twenty-five years ago by Mr. Robert Porter, who admitted his sons into partnership about ten years ago. The trade is wholesale and retail, extending throughout the province The firm are the contractors to supply the Navy, the British government and Indian schools in this district, this fact alone indicating their high position in the trade. They kill all their own meat, which is bought by Mr. Robert Porter, whose long experience in the business enables him to select only the very best. Their slaughter houses are six miles from the city, on the Burnside road, and they are perfectly equipped, being provided with every facility. They kill on an average of 150 beeves, 900 sheep, and 300 hogs per month. They conduct two salesrooms, one at Johnson and Douglas streets, and the other on Government street Both are well appointed, and are stocked daily with fresh and cured meats of every kind, including lard and sausage. The best assortment of island and mainland beef and mutton is kept constantly on hand, and the firm caters to hotels, restaurants, ships and families. This firm is composed of Mr. Robt. Porter, the founder, and his sons Messrs. Robt. J., H. A., C. A., and G. A. Porter. These gentlemen are all well known in commercial circles for their ability and enterprise.

John Parker.

One of the oldest and most flourishing business establishments is that conducted by John Parker, Esq., on Fort street, near Broad st. Twenty-seven years ago this business was founded by Mr. Parker and has been conducted by him ever since with constantly increasing prosperity. The trade is wholesale and retail and comes from all parts of the surrounding territory, and the house enjoys an honorable reputation for the excellence of its products The premises have a ground area of 30x80 feet, the front being used for salesrooms and offices and the rear for manufacturing. As well as carrying everything in the line of fresh, smoked and salt meats, Mr. Parker makes a specialty of manufacturing canned meats and soups. Every facility is at hand for the making of these. They are unsurpassed for flavor and general excellence, and at a recent exposition in Victoria a diploma was awarded for them. Mr. Parker's slaughter-houses are at Craigflower, near the Gorge, and are spacious and complete. Nine experienced assistants are employed. Mr John Parker was born in England and came to Victoria in January, 1853, since which time he has been a leading spirit in advancing the welfare of the city Mr. Parker has various realty and other important interests here. He was at one time treasurer of the Volunteer Fire Department of Victoria.

Charles E. Redfern.

One of our best known and oldest established men is Mr. Chas. E. Redfern, the popular jeweller, at 43 Government street. Mr. Redfern came here from London, Eng., in 1862, and founded the business. Mr. Redfern is owner of the building he occupies. The store is one of the handsomest in the city, the sales department being provided with elegant walnut fixtures. The stock is an unusually valuable one, including watches, clocks, diamonds, precious stones in endless variety, optical goods, silver and gold jewellery of every description. The manufacturing and repairing department is a special feature, and watches, clocks and jewellery of all kinds are repaired by experts. Chronometers are rated by transit observations, Mr. Redfern leading all others in this specialty. The City Hall clock and bell, manufactured by Gillet and Johnson, Eng., were supplied, put in place and are kept in order by him. He was twice a city alderman, serving in 1876 and 1877. In 1883 he was elected mayor of the city.

Victoria House.

A representative retail house is that above mentioned. This business was established a little over two years ago, and has ever since built up a splendid trade. The store is situated at 86½ Douglas street. It is provided with every modern facility and convenience. The stock carried is very large and complete, including everything in the line of staple and fancy dry goods. A fine line of spring goods was recently received, consisting of forty cases of the latest novelties in spring goods of all descriptions. The business is entirely retail, and the Victoria House has built up a large and first-class patronage Mr. G. A. Richardson is the proprietor. He is a young man and a native of this city, where he is well known. Mr. Richardson is a thoroughly representative dry goods man.

Hall and Co.

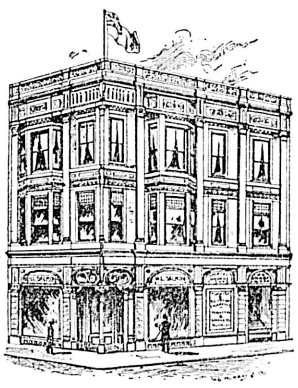
One of our most representative and best patronized retail drug houses is that of Messrs. Hall and Co., corner of Douglas and Yates streets. This business was established four years ago and has gained a large and influential patronage. The premises occupied are commodious, handsomely fixtured. The stock carried is a very large one, embracing everything in the line of pure, fresh drugs, chemicals, tinctures, patent medicines, druggists' sundries, perfumes, toilet articles, etc. Physicians' prescriptions or family recipes are carefully and accurately compounded. This firm is composed of Messrs. Fred J. Hall and his son Mr. Lewis W. Hall. The former is one of our prominent business men, being engaged in the grocery business. Mr. Lewis Hall manages the drug store. He is a young man of ability and enterprise, and is a graduate of the Portland College of Pharmacy.

Joseph Wriglesworth.

One of our pioneers is Mr. Joseph Wriglesworth who has resided here since 1862. Mr. Wriglesworth was born in Yorkshire, and lived in London, England for some time; and on his arrival in this city built and opened the London hotel at Johnson and Broad streets, which he conducted for some time. Mr Wriglesworth has held an hotel and liquor license since 1861. In 1863 he went up to Willow creek, Cariboo, where he remained for one season. In 1878 he opened his present grocery and liquor house at 127 Yates street. For four years he represented the old Yates street ward in the city council, (from 1880 to 1884) and he was identified with the fire department for 19 years, having been chief engineer for some time. Mr. Wriglesworth is secretary of the Saanich Lime Co., Ltd., which owns 600 acres of land at Saanich; the capacity of the kilns are 75 barrels a day; they also have 230 acres at Island District, the capacity of the kilns there being 50 to 60 barrels a day.

The British Columbia Viavi Co.

About seven years ago, two English gentlemen, Mr. H. and Mr. H. E. Law, started the Viavi business upon a small scale, in the city of San Francisco, California. The laboratory then consisted of one small room; to-day the buildings of the concern cover many hundreds of feet of ground. The curative powers of the vegetable compound Viavi in diseases of women, promoted the sale, so that in this short period it is known and used in every civilized country in the world. In Canada the main points of distribution are Victoria, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, and sub-offices are established in nearly all the small towns of the Dominion. The pleasant work of distribution employs thousands of women, and the advertisement of the remedy is unique in that no effort has been made by using the ordinary fence and poster advertisement. Whenever a lady uses Viavi she becomes a missionary for its introduction. This being one of the greatest evidences of its true worth and merit. While Viavi is famous for its efficiency and is better known than any other remedy, and requires no special effort on our part, yet we cannot fail in justice to the remedy, to state that in no case has it failed to produce a cure, if a cure is possible. The company have thousands of testimonials from every section of the world, and from all classes of people, testifying of the great benefits derived from the use of Viavi. Physicians who have thoroughly tested the remedy use it in their practice and speak highly of it. Viavi is a vegetable compound and is prepared from roots and herbs in the laboratory of the Viavi Co. at San Francisco, thus it is absolutely pure. All remedy used in Canada is prepared in a branch laboratory at Victoria. The remedy Viavi is used for those diseases to which women are especially liable. It is a home treatment. Its application and use can be carried out in the most humble home, thus affording the sufferer a permanent cure at the smallest possible expense. The offices of the company in this city are in rooms 41 and 42 Five Sisters block, and any information relative to the action and use of Viavi may be obtained there.



Salmon Building.

Harry L. Salmon, importer and wholesale and retail dealer in cigars, tobacco, pipes and smokers' supplies, corner of Yates and Government streets.

H. Freeman.

A largely patronized business house is that of Mr. H. Freeman, dealer in mens' furnishings, etc., at 109 and 111 Government street. In August, 1894, this enterprise was inaugurated and the public at once bestowed patronage upon it. Time has only served to increase its popularity. The premises are spacious and splendidly appointed and the large stock carried includes all the latest ideas in men's furnishings, clothing, hats and caps, boots and shoes, rubber goods, trunks and valises, jewelry, watches and silverware. Low prices prevail. Mr. Freeman has had wide experience in this line in Toronto, Montreal and other centres.

Lange and Co.

One of our oldest established jewelry houses is that of Messrs. Lange and Co., No. 86 Douglas street. This business was founded in 1862 by Mr. G. W. A. Lange, who is one of our pioneer citizens. His store is situated at No. 86 Douglas street and is arranged especially for the display of the splendid stock of jewelry that is carried. The assortment embraces everything in the line of fancy jewelry, watches, clocks, optical goods, electroplated ware, etc. Mr. Lange is also prepared to manufacture jewelry to order and makes a specialty of repair work. Mr. G. W. A. Lange has resided in Victoria for many years and is one of our respected citizens and business men.

Hardress Clarke.

A very important addition was made to the commercial establishments of our city on May 4th, 1895, when Mr. Hardress Clarke established his splendid grocery store at Yates and Douglas streets. Mr. Clarke came here in May from St. Johns, N. B., where he had successfully conducted a similar business since 1880, but having great faith in the future of Victoria he moved his interests here. Mr. Clarke has made the grocery business a life's study and there is probably no merchant in the province more thoroughly posted than he. His aim has been to conduct a model store and to be convinced that he has not fallen short of the mark one need only visit his salesrooms. These consist of two floors 60x30 feet in area, with large display windows on both streets. Every modern appliance is provided and the select stock is displayed to exceptional advantage. The choicest of staple and fancy groceries are carried, while the prices are the lowest possible. Courteous assistants are employed and all orders are filled with care and promptness. Mr. Clarke deserves the heartiest support of our citizens, and many of our business men will do well to take pattern after him if success be their aim. We bespeak the brightest future for this enterprise.

H. Mansell.

This is the oldest established and one of the largest retail boot and shoe houses in the city. The business was founded in 1859 by Mr. H. Mansell. The premises occupied at No. 95 Government street, comprise two floors 19x77 feet in area. The stock carried here is the largest and most complete in the province, and includes all sizes, styles and grades of ladies' and gentlemen's boots and shoes, also a very large assortment of rubber goods. A specialty is made of the celebrated "K" boots and of Johnson and Murphy's fine shoes, this house being sole agents for the same. This establishment is one of the most popular in the city and it requires three assistants to wait on the large patronage. Mr. H. Mansell came to Victoria in 1859 and is one of our pioneer citizens and respected business men. He still devotes his time to the business, the active management falls upon his son, Mr. J. H. Mansell, a young man of ability and experience.

Geo. R. Jackson.

This is one of the most progressive business houses in the city, and has built up a very large and influential patronage. The business was founded some years ago as a merchant tailoring establishment, in 1896 men's furnishings being added. The premises occupied at 57 Government street are 30x100 feet in area and are provided with every modern facility and convenience. The stock of goods embraces a full line of direct importations of the finest European goods for suitings, trouserings, etc., shirts are made to order in cheviot, percoil, silk, madias, negliege, night robes, pygomas, etc. The stock also includes gent's furnishings of every description. This house has become the headquarters for the most fashionable trade and has revolutionized to some extent the furnishing in the city. Its business is constantly on the increase. Mr. Geo. R. Jackson, the proprietor of this business, has lived here for years and is well known. He is an enterprising, progressive business man, and fully merits his good success.

Blakie and McKinnon.

Among the recent important acquisitions to our commerce is the firm of Messrs. Blakie and McKinnon, established some nine months ago. The premises occupied for this business are at 60 Government street, and comprise two floors, 25x100 in area. The firm are dealers in hams, bacon, tropical fruits, and all kinds of dairy produce. They secure their supplies from the very best sources, and have in stock at all times a fresh and first quality line of goods. The business is retail and has already been developed to large proportions. The firm also handle pickles, sauces, canned fruits, etc., and their stock in this line is an unusually fine one. This firm is composed of Messrs. Walter Blakie and Malcolm McKinnon. They are both natives of Eastern Ontario. They are enterprising and progressive, and have every reason to hope for a most auspicious future.

T. W. Fletcher.

This is one of the oldest as well as most popular music house in the city. The business was established years ago by the present proprietor, whose progressive methods have ever maintained it among the foremost enterprises of its period. The premises occupied at 88 Government street are 25x100 feet in area and well adapted for all purposes of the business. This house is agent for the Bell organs of Guelph, Ont., Mason and Hamlin's organs and pianos, N. Y.; Doherty organs, and Bush and Girt's pianos of Chicago, and the Kroeger pianos of N. Y. They are also agents for the celebrated Domestic sewing machines. A specialty is made of sheet music, the house possessing as large and fine a list of vocal and instrumental sheet music as any in the province. Mr. T. W. Fletcher, the proprietor of this business, was born in England and came here in 1863. He is assisted in the management of the business by his two sons, Messrs. James and Thomas Fletcher.

C. A. Lombard and Co.

The proprietor of this business, Mr. C. A. Lombard, is prominent in musical circles, being the conductor of the Catholic Cathedral choir. He came here in Aug., 1858, and has resided here continuously, excepting four years when he was in business in Portland. He established his present business in 1885, and has developed into one of the leading enterprises of its kind in the city. His store at 31 Fort street, comprises two floors, each 20x60 feet in area. This is well stocked, containing musical instruments and merchandise of every description. Mr. Lombard is agent for the Ronisch piano of Dresden, Germany; the Williams of Toronto; the Karn of Woodstock, and the Mendelsohn of Toronto. He also carries in stock stringed instruments of all kinds, as well as old and new sheet music. His establishment is the popular headquarters for everything in the musical line and is patronized by our best musicians. The trade extends all over the province. Mr. Lombard takes a great interest in music and musicians, and his popularity with that class of people has been a great item in his success. He is a leader in our local musical circles.

L. Lewis.

Among our oldest business men will be found Mr. L. Lewis, who first began his business career here in 1858. In that year Mr. Lewis established himself in the dry goods business, in which line he was successfully engaged up until three years ago, when he embarked on his present venture. Mr. Lewis has been identified with the business interests of the city almost since its founding and is one of our esteemed citizens. His present enterprise is located at 44 Yates street. The salesroom is filled with a large and valuable stock, while in the manufacturing department will be found every modern appliance necessary for the prosecution of the business. He imports all kinds of cooking stoves and ranges and has excellent facilities for the execution of all orders in tin work. The business is wholesale and retail in character, being very extensive. Mr. Lewis was born in Poland.

F. Carne, Jr.

Among the large and prosperous business houses of Victoria, is that of F. Carne, Jr., importer and dealer in groceries and provisions, corner of Yates and Broad streets. Twelve years ago this business was established by Mr. Carne, and owing to the liberal and reliable methods that have always characterized it, has enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity. The premises are spacious and thoroughly modern and complete in appointment, while the stock includes everything in the line of choice staple and fancy groceries, provisions, produce, etc., all of which come direct from the best sources of supply. Only experienced and courteous help is employed. Mr. Carne has resided here for years, and is one of our public spirited citizens. He has various interests of importance, and is always willing to further any effort that tends to advance our city's welfare.

J. T. Orr.

This business was established two and a half years ago, and from its inception occupied a foremost rank. The premises occupied are No. 13 Store street. The stock carried is complete, embracing home made and imported stoves and ranges, tinware, hollow-ware, agateware, etc. The firm also manufacture tin, copper and sheet iron ware of every description, and make a specialty of jobbing work, which is given prompt and particular attention. Steamboat work is made a leading specialty, and the company carries in stock the best makes of ship ranges. The firm has built up a very large business, and secures a large patronage from sealing vessels, which class of trade they cater to especially. The firm is composed of J. T. Orr, who is well known in commercial circles. He came here six years ago from Montreal.

Clarke and Pearson.

DEALERS IN STOVES, HOUSE FURNISHINGS, ETC., OF 17 YATES STREET, VICTORIA.

One of our oldest and most flourishing business houses is that of Clarke and Pearson. Away back in the early days of our city this enterprise was founded by Mr. Geo. Keays and was conducted by him until 1881, when Clarke and Nicholson took possession. In 1889 the present style was taken, Mr. Edward Pearson purchasing the interest of Mr. Nicholson. The success of this concern has been specially marked under its present management. They occupy a handsome brick building of spacious dimensions, thoroughly modern in its appointment. They are sole agents for the famous stoves and ranges made by the McCleary Manufacturing Company of London, Ontario, and also carry in stock the products of the Albion Iron Works Company's latest designs and improvements in stoves and ranges. Their salesrooms contain a display of the handsomest and best designed cooking and heating stoves ever on view in the province. The firm are manufacturers of the wonderful air-tight heaters, and also manufacture copper, tin, sheet and galvanized iron goods, and galvanized iron and tin roofing, baths, sinks, etc. Messrs. J. B. Clarke and Edward Pearson have lived in B. C. for over thirty years and are among our most enterprising and progressive citizens. Mr. Clarke is a native of Eastern Canada. Mr. Pearson was born in England. Mr. Pearson is a member of the Council of the B. C. Board of Trade and has held the position of provincial justice of the peace since 1893.

L. Dickinson.

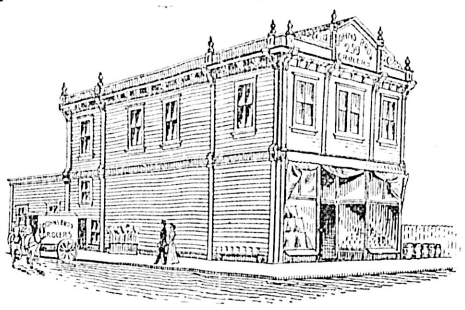
Mr. L. Dickinson, dealer in groceries, feed, provisions, island produce, etc., established his business fourteen years ago. It is located at Douglas and Pandora streets. The building, owned by Mr. Dickinson, is a handsome two-story brick, 60x90 feet in area. It is well equipped. The trade requires six assistants to take care of it. The stock is very large and complete, embracing everything in the line of staple and fancy groceries, table delicacies, provisions, and all kinds of inland produce. Mr. Dickinson also has a branch store at Sidney, of which place he is the postmaster. He was born in England, but has lived in Victoria twenty-one years.

John Fullerton.

This business was founded in 1884 and has from its inception been the headquarters for boots and shoes. The premises occupied are at 103 Government street, and comprise a two story building, 20x75 feet in area. The second floor is for reserve stock and repair shop. On the first floor is the salesroom which is filled to repletion with as large and fine a stock of boots and shoes ever seen in Victoria. The stock embraces a full line of men's, boys', ladies' and misses' boots and shoes in all sizes, styles and grades. The prices are such as could not fail to attract custom. Mr. John Fullerton came here from Montreal eighteen years ago. He is well known and is highly esteemed as a business man.

Johns Bros.

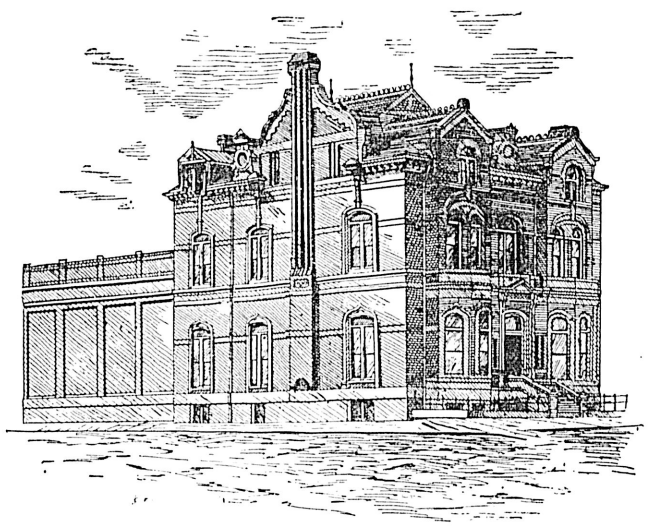
One of the most largely patronized and strictly first-class grocery houses in our city is that of Johns Bros., located at 259 Douglas street, in the heart of a splendid residence section. Five years ago, upon a comparatively small scale this enterprise was inaugurated and in May, 1895, removal was made to the present excellent quarters, specially erected by Johns Bros for this purpose. The main building is two storys high, thoroughly modern and complete. The first floor is the salesroom and here is displayed a choice stock of groceries, provisions, tinware, crockery, etc., a specialty being made of flour and feed, all purchased direct from the best sources. The warehouse in the rear is two storys, and there are also other buildings used for stables, store-rooms, etc. The premises are lighted throughout by electricity. An idea of the business may be gleaned from the fact that five assistants and three delivery wagons are employed. Low prices prevail and the patronage comes from all parts of the city. The Johns Bros'. automatic oil can, one of the most perfect devices of the kind ever put on the market, is supplied by the firm, free, to their customers. Messrs. Albion and Samuel Johns are natives of Durham County, Ontario, but resided for many years in Owen Sound, Ontario. After living in some of the leading American cities, they came here eight years ago. Both have real estate and other interests.



JOHNS BROS. STORE.

S. A. Stoddart.

The jewelry business of Mr. S. A. Stoddart, whose establishment is at 68½ Yates street, was founded three years ago, and has since built up an enviable reputation for first-class work. The store is handsomely appointed. There is here a fine stock of watches, clocks, plain and fancy jewelry of every description, also a full line of optical goods. The manufacturing department is a special feature of this business. Mr. Stoddart employs several experts in this department, and guarantees all productions to be first-class in every particular, and to last twelve months. He manufactures watches and jewelry to order, also attends to all kinds of repair work. Mr. Stoddart was born in London, England, and was engaged in business there at one time. From there he went to New Zealand, where he remained eleven years, coming here three years ago. He is himself an expert jeweler, and is one of the leading exponents of that trade.



THE UNION CLUB.

D. Lindsay.

This business was established ten years ago, although the present quarters have been occupied only since last January. The premises occupied are spacious and well appointed. A very heavy stock is carried, embracing everything in the line of men's furnishings, dry goods, trunks, valises, blankets, etc. A specialty being made of tailors' supplies. Mr. Lindsay has had long experience at the business, and is well acquainted with the requirements of his trade. He has built up a large patronage and is a representative of his special lines of enterprise. He is in the prime of life and during his long residence here has become well known and highly regarded.

R. A. Brown and Co.

Among the flourishing commercial houses of our city is that of R. A. Brown and Co., importers and dealers in hardware, etc., at 80 Douglas street, near Yates street. Six years ago the business was established. The main salesroom is 75x20 feet in area, completely appointed and heavily stocked with everything in the line of shelf and heavy hardware, crockery, glassware, tin, agate and wooden and willowware, etc. The excellent trade relations the house maintains and the scale of their operations enables them to offer very special inducements to their patrons. Mr. R. A Brown is one of our esteemed citizens and known as "Standard Brown." He has resided here for twenty-one years and takes an active interest in advancing the city's interests.

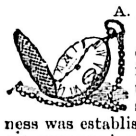
R. Maynard.

Mr. R. Maynard has been prominently identified with our mercantile interests for about a quarter of a century. His salesroom is at 41 Pandora street, which property belongs to him. The stock embraces a full line of boots, shoes, leather and shoe findings, photographic apparatus and supplies. The trade is wholesale and retail in character, and extends throughout the province. Mr. Maynard also conducts a photographic gallery in the building. This was established some twenty years ago, and is the oldest one in the city. All kinds of photographs are taken, but a specialty is made of the beautiful scenery which abounds in this neighborhood. Mr. Albert A. Maynard, the son of the proprietor, is now general manager of his father's business.

John J. Hart and Co.

This well known house was established fifteen years ago by Mr. John J. Hart, who came here nearly forty years ago from England. Nine years ago Mr. R. D. Davis became a partner. He also came here from England. Mr. Hart is one of our earliest settlers, and is one of our best known citizens. The store occupied by this firm, at 43 Johnson street, is well equipped for all the requirements of the business. Besides men's furnishings and clothing, of which there is a very large stock, the firm has on hand any number of curios, relics, fossils, Indian work, etc. In this department they are the leading representatives in Victoria, and drive a large business in supplying museums all over the world and with tourists in summer

A. A. Clayton.



A popular business establishment of our city is that Mr. A. A. Clayton, located at 27 Fort street. Since this business was established it has enjoyed liberal patronage owing to the thoroughly reliable character of the work done and the liberal charges made. Mr. Clayton is a watchmaker, goldsmith and jeweler and attends to all these branches of work, but makes specialties of diamond setting, and enameling, and of making old jewelry into new designs. The premises contain every appliance for the successful and rapid persecution of work, and a select stock of watches and jewelery is carried. A specialty is also made of manufacturing all kinds of jewelry and attending to repair work. Mr. Clayton enjoys the patronage of many of our leading families. He thoroughly understands every detail of his business and is highly respected in the city, having been in business here for some years.

People's Market, Allan Stevens, Prop.

A very popular establishment is the People's Market, Mr. Allan Stevens, proprietor, at 99 Johnson street. In 1891 this business was established and has been heavily patronized from the outset owing to the high quality of the goods sold and the liberal inducements offered. Everything in the line of meats is carried and the trade is both wholesale and retail. The salesrooms are neatly and completely appointed and heavily stocked, while the slaughter-houses are located on the Burnside road. These latter are completely equipped. All orders are promptly delivered. Mr. Stevens was born in Nova Scotia and has lived here for twelve years.

Hastie and Bannerman.

This business was established nearly three years ago and is a representative one of its kind. The firm is composed of Messrs. James Hastie and Alex. Bannerman. Mr Hastie was formerly connected with Messrs. Sehl, Hastie and Erskine, furniture manufacturers, and has resided here for thirteen years. Mr. Alex. Bannerman has lived in Victoria for eleven years and is proprietor of the coal and wood business conducted in his name. Their office and salesroom is located in London block, 93 Johnson street. Here they carry a large stock of flour, feed and grain. They have a wharf for hay and grain storage at Bay Bridge. This firm has built up a very large and representative business. Their trade is retail in character and extends throughout the surrounding territory.

B. Williams and Co.

This representative business was established twelve years ago by Mr. B. Williams, the father of the present proprietor, Mr. W. T. Williams. It is a leading house of its kind, and controls a large and influential patronage. The premises occupied at 97 Johnson street, are spacious and well appointed. The stock is a very large and complete one, embracing a full line of men's and boys' clothing, hats, furnishings, etc. A specialty is made of Rigby and Malessia waterproofs, of which there is a large stock. A particular feature of this business is the tailoring department, which receives an immense patronage. Here orders and measures are taken for eastern tailor-made suits. They are sent to leading and fashionable eastern tailors, and a good fit and excellent finish are guaranteed. This branch of the business is very popular. Mr. W. T. Williams is a young man, enterprising and progressive. He has met with decided success. A brick addition 30x20 feet has recently been added to the store in order to meet the increasing demands of the trade.

Golden Rule Bazaar.

A very popular business house is the Golden Rule Bazaar, Mr. William Wilby proprietor, located at 91 Douglas street. street. Nine years ago this business was established, the present proprietor taking possession in 1891. The premises occupied are spacious and very tastefully arranged, while the large stock carried includes the best books and stationery, toys and notions, fishing tackle, lacrosse sticks, base ball supplies and sporting goods of all kinds, artists' materials, children's bicycles, wagons, etc. A complete line of school books and supplies is also carried in stock. All goods are purchased from the very best sources, and are sold at the lowest possible prices. Mr. Wilby is a young man and a native of British Columbia. He possesses much business ability and ranks among our progressive citizens.

William Thompson and Co.

A very flourishing establishment of Victoria is that of William Thompson & Co., grocers, corner of View and Quadra streets. Five years ago this business was established, and has enjoyed exceptional favor. Each year has seen the hold upon popular favor grow stronger. The premises are spacious and well equipped, while the stock includes the choicest staple and fancy groceries. The business is conducted upon a strictly cash basis, and consequently the lowest prices prevail. Care and promptness characterize the filling of all orders. Mr. William Thompson is a man of enterprise and progress.

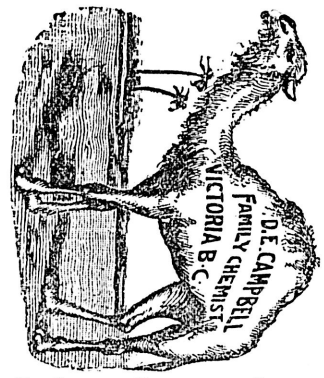
E. J. Salmon.

A representative enterprise of its kind is that conducted by Mr E. J. Salmon, dealer in house furnishing goods at 44 and 46 Johnson street. This business was established eighteen years ago. The premises occupied consist of three floors and two basements, each of which is 40x100 feet in area. The stock carried is a very large one and most complete. Here can be found everything in the line of furniture, crockery, stoves, ranges and house furnishing goods of every description. Special attention is paid to repairing and the manufacture of upholstered goods to order. Four persons are employed and the business has grown to be one of the largest of its kind in Victoria. Mr. E. J. Salmon, the proprietor, is a native of London, England, and came here twenty-four years ago,

Robt. Higginbottom.

Among the popular commercial houses of Victoria is that of Mr. Robt. Higginbottom at 89 Johnson street, between Douglas and Broad. Two years ago this business was established and has enjoyed a large patronage from the outset; the trade which is both wholesale and retail comes from all parts of the city and surrounding territory. The premises occupied are spacious and thoroughly complete in appointment, while the large stock carried includes everything in the line of provisions. Mr. Robt. Higginbottom is a young man of experience and business ability. He devotes all his time to his business.

D. E. Campell,



THE LEADING PRESCRIPTION STORE, CORNER OF FORT AND GOVERNMENT STS.

Colonial Market, Robert Dinsdale, Prop.

This business was established last September, but has already secured a liberal share of the patronage. The premises occupied are fitted with every facility, and a large and first class stock of all kinds of meats, fresh and cured, is kept on hand and only the very best is handled. The Colonial Market has already made a good reputation for its excellent meats. Mr. Robert Dinsdale is a contractor and has resided here ten years and is well known.

John J. Bland.

A very popular business house in Victoria is that of Mr. John J. Bland, manufacturer of and dealer in boots and shoes at 90 Douglas street. In March, 1895, this business was established has and enjoyed exceptional popularity. The premises are spacious, well-equipped and heavily stocked with the finest boots and shoes, both factory and hand made. A specialty is made of custom work, and the shoes made by Mr. Bland have no superior for excellence of fit, durability and fine appearance. Mr. Bland came here several years ago from Callao, South America. He is a man of public spirit and liberality.

Victoria Loan Office.

The business of making advances on collateral security is conducted in a liberal and honorable manner in this city by Mr. F. Landsberg, proprietor of the Victoria Loan Office, corner of Government and Pandora streets. Mr. Landsberg has been estabished in his present business since 1884. He makes liberal advances on diamonds, jewelry and all kinds of personal property, and has always a number of unredeemed pledges to dispose of, offering the very best inducements. A prominent feature of this business is the curio department, and here will be found the largest and most complete stock of Indian curios in the province. The trade in this particular line has grown very large. Mr. F. Landsberg located in Victoria in 1884.

George Jaques.

A successful watchmaker and jeweler of our city is Mr. George Jaques, whose premises are at 127 Fort street. In 1862 Mr. Jaques established this business and has always enjoyed a liberal patronage owing to his thorough knowledge of his business. Mr. Jaques was born in England fifty-six years ago and came to Victoria in 1862. He learned his trade in England and has had in all forty years' experience. He is widely known in the city, where he has various interests. Mr Jaques carries a full stock of jewelry, watches, clocks, etc., making a specialty of the celebrated Deuber watches.

Joseph Sauer,

15 STORE STREET, OPPOSITE E. AND N. STATION.

This business was established twelve years ago by Mr. Joseph Rhode. The premises occupied are spacious and well appointed. Fresh bread, cakes, pies, etc., are baked daily, and this department is very popular, as the excellence of its productions are so well known. A complete line of staple and fancy groceries is also carried, and everything about the place is first-class in every respect. A specialty is made of pilot bread. Mr. Joseph Sauer, the manager of the business, is a practical business man, and under his good management the business is constantly growing. He has resided for seven years in this city.

The Hindustan Tea Agency, J. S. Bailey, Agent.

This enterprising business was established in January 1896, and has already developed quite a large patronage, owing to the excellence of the goods handled by it. The premises occupied are situated over the Bank of Montreal, 82½ Government street. This agency deals exclusively in India and Ceylon teas, fine Java and Mocha coffees and Indian Curry Powder, supplying the consumer only at the lowest prices and with the best brands that can be obtained in the market. The Indian and Ceylon teas, handled exclusively by this agency, are imported direct from the growers, and are far superior in flavor, strength and cleanliness to those of China and Japan, and in England six times as much of the former is now sold as that of China and Japan. Mr. J. S. Bailey was born and educated in England, but has spent thirty years in India, and is an expert judge of what good Indian tea ought to be. He is well known here, and his enterprise, progressiveness and square dealing should merit a large success

A. Garland.

A very popular grocery house is that of Mr. A. Garland, at 157 Douglas street. Since being established two years ago the house has enjoyed great success. The premises are spacious and well equipped while the large stock carried includes everything in the line of staple and fancy groceries, fowls, etc, Mr A. Garland has lived here since 1877, and is a native of Dudley, Worcestershire, England. He was formerly a locomotive engineer, and not only ran the first engine on the E. and N. R. R., but landed the first engine and put it together at Oyster bay. He was in all sixteen years in the employ of the Messrs. Dunsmuir, the last three years filling the position of foreman of their shops.

James Maynard.

Among those engaged in the boot and shoe trade we find Mr. James Maynard, 119 Douglas street. This business was established ten years ago. The stock is a very large one, and embraces everything in the line of men's, boys', ladies' and misses' boots and shoes, in all sizes, styles and grades. The trade is quite extensive.

A. V. Bossi.

This business was established nine years ago and on the basis of fair dealing has built up a large patronage. The premises occupied are at 185 Johnson street, are well fitted up, while the stock is large and most complete, including everything in the line of staple and fancy groceries, provisions, produce, etc.

A. Lapierre.

The oldest grocery house in this city, and probably the oldest business house, is that conducted by A. Lapierre at 119 Fort street. In 1848 this house was established, Mr. A. Lapierre becoming proprietor twelve years ago, and in 1893 the present proprietor succeeded. The premises are heavily stocked with the choicest of staple and fancy groceries, fruit, provisions, etc., and a large business is transacted.

V. M. Graham.

Eight years ago this business was established and from the very outset has enjoyed exceptional prosperity on account of the high grade of goods carried. The stock includes the finest imported and domestic lines of men's furnishings, clothing, trunks, valises, and the line of these carried is unsurpassed in the city.

Andrew Rusta.

Sixteen years ago Mr. Manetta established this business and after several changes in style, Mr. Rusta took possession in 1892. The stock carried includes the finest staple and fancy groceries, wines, liquors, cigars and cigarettes, and the prices are extremely moderate. This has always been a popular stand and under Mr. Rusta's management is more successful than ever.

J. H. Baker.

In 1883, Mr. J. H. Baker established his now popular boot and shoe store at 63 Government street, and has enjoyed exceptional success from the outset, owing to the large and high grade stock he has always carried and the liberal prices granted. The premises are 80x20 feet in area, tastefully arranged, and heavily stocked with men's, boys', ladies', misses and children's fine boots, shoes and rubbers; as well as gaiters, leggings, etc. These goods represent the product of the best Canadian, English, French, German and American manufacturers, and the house caters specially to the fine trade. Custom shoes are made, and repairing attended to. Nowhere in the province can one find a larger stock, and nowhere can one buy to better advantage. The trade extends to all parts of the province, a very large mail order business being done. Mr. J. H. Baker is young, enterprising and is popular in the city.

T. N. Hibben & Co.

This is one of the oldest business houses in Victoria, and is a leading enterprise of its kind. The business was originally founded in 1858, by Messrs. Hibben and Carswell, the present firm name being adopted in 1865. Ten years ago Messrs. C. W. Kammerer and W. H. Bone became partners in the concern. These gentlemen have had sole management of the business for three years, owing to the decease of Mr. T. N. Hibben, whose interest reverted to his widow, who is represented by her son, Mr. J. P. Hibben, a capable and efficient young man. The office and salesrooms are at 69 Government street. The firm are booksellers and stationers, handling several specialties. In their stock will be found all descriptions of books, including histories, biographers, books of travel, of adventure, fiction, poetry, school books, and stationery of all kinds. They are sole agents for the celebrated "Caligraph" typewriter, Admiralty charts, and MacMann's photographs of C.P.R., Victoria surroundings, and along the coast of the province of B. C. They do an immense business, extending all over the province, and it requires seven clerks to transact the same. Mr. C. W. Kammerer was born in Germany, but has lived here since 1858. He has been connected with this concern since 1858, and to his efforts is due a great part of its success. Mr. W. H. Bone was born near Toronto, Canada, but has lived here thirty-three years. He has been identified with this business twenty-six years.

Dean and Hiscocks.

This business was founded eight years ago, the present firm being formed Dec., 1895. The premises occupied, corner of Yates and Broad streets, are 25x60 feet in area. The store is well equipped, being provided with every facility and all necessary fixtures and laboratory apparatus. The firm carries a large stock, embracing pure, fresh drugs, chemicals, tinctures, standard proprietary medicines, perfumes, toilet articles, druggists' sundries, physicians' supplies, and will shortly add a soda fountain, which will be a prominent feature for the coming season. They make a specialty of their laboratory department, where physicians' prescriptions and family recipes are carefully compounded. There is a night bell and all calls are given prompt attention. The firm is composed of Messrs. W. M. Dean and E. H. Hiscocks. Mr. Dean came here from Ontario, having been connected with the present business for over six years. Mr. Hiscocks was born in England. He was for twenty years with Langley & Co., wholesale and retail druggists, as superintendent of the dispensing department for the last ten years, and bears the distinction of being the only possessor here of a diploma from the celebrated Pharmaceutical Society of Chemists and Druggists of Great Britain.

Victoria Steam Laundry.

Few cities on the coast can boast a larger or more complete establishment than the Victoria Steam Laundry, Messrs. McCrimmon & McIntosh, proprietors, located at 152 Yates street. Four years ago this enterprise was inaugurated and has met with very satisfactory success from the outset. The premises occupied are two story high, and the equipment includes everything the most modern and approved. Steam furnishes the motive power and nothing has been neglected that could in any way tend to perfect the establishment. The plants, in our largest cities, for laundry purposes are not the least more perfect than this. Twenty expert assistants are employed and the work turned out has no superior, while the charges are reasonable. The people of our city do not seem to fully realize the advantages offered by the Victoria Laundry. Many of them prefer to patronize the Chinese because they may work cheaper, without taking into consideration inferior manner in which they work; the injury they do to clothing; and the risk of disease they run. It is high time the people of Victoria awoke fully to the fact that we have in our midst a laundry that is a credit to us and that we should bestow our patronage there. The Victoria Laundry does all the work for the C.P.N. Co., and the other leading steamship companies; the Driard hotel, and other leading hotels, etc. Mr. A. F. McCrimmon is a native of Eastern Ontario, and has lived here three years. Mr. D. J. McIntosh is also from the East and has lived here five years.

Wm. J. Hardaker, Auctioneer.

One of our popular citizens and progressive business men is Mr. Wm. T. Hardaker, auctioneer, at 77, 79 & 81 Douglas street, near Yates street. Mr. Hardaker has had experience in his line of business for the past twenty years in England and Eastern Canada. In 1891 he settled in Victoria and since that time has been making rapid strides to the fore. Mr. Hardaker's auction rooms are the largest in the city, being 100 x 150 feet in area, two storys high. They are splendidly adapted for the purpose and are at all times heavily stocked with everything in the line of furniture and general household goods and this is disposed of at very low figures either at private or public sales. Auctions are held at the rooms about twice a week. Mr. Hardaker also sells real estate, merchandise, etc., at auction and has been very successful in these particular lines. Mr. Hardaker has various interests in the city and his enterprise and public spirit have won for him the highest esteem of the public.

Wm. Dodds, 207 Fort Street.

Three years ago Mr. Dodds established this business and the venture has proven in every sense successful. His premises consist of a large tract of highly cultivated and rich soil, and here he has erected four large green houses, three of which are 40 x 20 feet in area, and one, 60 x 20 feet in area. They are equipped in the most modern and complete style and contain every variety of flowers from the rarest tropical productions to our hardiest home plants. Mr. Dodds makes a specialty of French bulbs and of these he imported during the past year, over a ton and a half. Mr. Wm. Dodds was born in England and has lived in Victoria for eight years. He has had wide experience in his business and understands its every detail.

Geo. A. Knight.

One of the leading nurserymen, florists and gardeners of this part of the country is Mr. George A. Knight, whose property is located on Mount Tolmie Road, just beyond the city limits. In 1880 Mr. Knight established in his present business and his success has been exceptional. He has twenty-eight acres of land, all highly cultivated and of exceedingly rich soil. Mr. Knight raises vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs and fruit trees, his specialties, however, being vegetables, fruits and flowers, and these are absolutely unsurpassed on the coast. Large greenhouses of the most modern design and equipment have been erected and here are displayed in season flowers of every land and every clime in luxuriant profusion. The vegetable and fruits find ready sales in the markets of Victoria and are extensively shipped to various parts of the country.

REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE

The Steady Growth of Values in British Columbia's Capital.

INSURANCE RATES LOWEST ON THE COAST

Enterprise and Probity the Sterling Qualities Displayed in their Operations by the Real Estate Dealers of Victoria—Representatives of Immense Interests.

Real estate in the City of Victoria has during the past quarter of a century come to be regarded as gilt edged security, about as safe an investment as guaranteed bonds, and more satisfactory in that it is steadily increasing in value. As the years pass less and less unimproved land is found within the corporation boundaries, while attractive business blocks or comfortable homes are more and more numerous. The reasons for this state of affairs are multitudinous. It's a good place to live in; values grow steadily, not by inflation; the city is naturally one of the most delightful places of residence on the North American continent, and with its improved sewerage and water systems will be rendered even more advantageous a field for investment; and thanks to thorough organization and a capable man at the head, the insurance rate is the lowest on the coast. Add to these items the fact of Victoria's commercial health, even in times of deepest business depression, and the secret is a secret no longer. As illustrating the steady advance in the worth of city properties it is interesting to notice that from a total valuation of about $5,178,800 just ten years ago, the assessed value of Victoria property has advanced to $23,067,420, these latter figures being taken from the city's assessment roll as revised and adopted this spring—in other words the growth and progress of the city has had the direct effect of more than quadrupling the values within the short space of a decade. This last statement of the worth of Victoria real property is, too, a most conservative one, the city assessor having estimated as closely as his ability as an expert permitted, the actual present worth of the land and buildings making up the city of Victoria. By wards the values of assessable properties are given thus in the last official compilation, a most even distribution being shown:

	Land.	Impr'ts.
South Ward	$4,005,920	$2,238,500
Centre Ward	4,732,880	2,578,400
North Ward	4,324,170	2,485,920

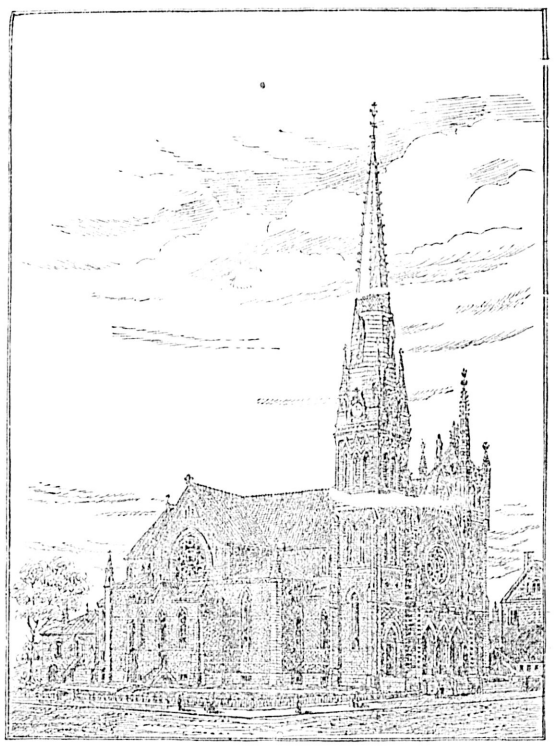
The property exempted from taxation also forms a very considerable total, contributing at the first of the present year $2,701,630 to the general valuation as follows:

Provincial Govern't Property	$ 351,105
Dominion do do	233,925
Songhees Indian Reservation	300,000
Beacon Hill Park	500,000
Corporation property	310,800
Churches	443,700
Hospitals	157,100
Schools	179,750
Railway & Tramway property	100,840
Rice Mills	48,000
Cemeteries	46,410
Orphans' Home	30,000
Total	$2,701,630

Of the large and influential class of the community who buy and sell real estate for clients, it may be said that Victoria's representatives of this profession as a body are as wide awake, as far seeing, as devoted to the interests of their principals, and as scrupulously honest as any in the world. Their dealings show to conspicuous advantage in contrast with the despicable methods adopted in certain sections of the neighboring republic where real estate speculation has too frequently been given as a name to barefaced swindling, and methods of money getting that are for honesty or the lack of it about on a par with highway robbery. So high is the standard of business probity maintained by the real estate men of Victoria as a community that it will be found the great majority also combine with their land business the management of large estates for non-residents, the collection of rents, and the investment, entirely at the direction of their own good judgment, of immense sums of money, which assist materially in the building up of the province, and which in all probability would be placed elsewhere were it not for the patriotic enterprise of these much maligned real estate men. The majority, too, add the representation of the leading fire and life assurance societies to the scope of their professional activities, Victoria being an especially popular field of operation for both fire and life companies—being one of the healthiest places in all the dominion and one with a noteworthy record of freedom from disastrous fires, as the following table of losses for the past ten years will plainly indicate:

1887	$42,750
1888	16,000
1889	8,560
1890	10,795
1891	10,970
1892	52,187
1893	18,900
1894	57,560
1895	24,193
1896 (to date)	204

Something about the gentlemen who have in their charge the real estate and insurance affairs of the city will no doubt be found of interest by the general reader. Here are a few biographical notes concerning members of these professions.



ST. ANDREW'S (R. C.) CATHEDRAL.

The British Columbia Land and Investment Agency, Ltd.

The foundation of this enterprise dates back to 1862, when Messrs. Thos. Allsop and Henry S. Mason established the business on a small scale. In 1887 owing to increased business a stock company was organized under the head of the British Columbia Land and Investment Agency, Ltd., with a capital stock of $200,000.00. In 1893 the present style was adopted after a reorganization. Mr. C. A. Holland is manager in chief for British Columbia. Mr. Holland came here in 1886 from South Africa. He is also secretary of the London and Canadian Fire Insurance Co. Mr. P. R. Brown is manager of the Victoria branch. He has lived here twenty-five years and is well known and esteemed. Mr. Brown is a director in the London and Canadian Fire Ins. Co. The British Columbia Land and Investment Agency represents the Guarantee Co. of North America, the London and Canadian Fire Insurance Co., which writes the largest amount of premiums in the Province of British Columbia; the Western Canadian Ranching Co., and the Great West Life Assurance Co., all of which are among the strongest institutions of their kind in existence. It was formerly agent for the Canadian Pacific Land and Mortgage Co., Ltd., but in September, 1895, bought out the entire interest of that concern in British Columbia for £200,000. The agency is prepared to place fire insurance on any class of desirable risks and to any amount. They have developed a very large fire insurance business, their policies being deemed desirable, for the obvious reasons that they are safe, sure and liberal. For life insurance they represent one of the greatest institutions in the world, namely, the "Great West Life Assurance Co., Ltd. This company has had a most phenominal success, and holds a leading position among the strongest life institutions of the country. Its policies are liberal, its premium rates reasonable, and its provision for the security of policy holders better than that of any other. The B. C. Land and Investment Co., while transacting an immense insurance business, also makes a specialty of ranch and farm properties and has for sale some most desirable investments in this line. They have invested millions of dollars in British Columbia, both in mortgage and in the development of realty, and have done more perhaps than any other concern towards the material development of Victoria, Vancouver, etc. The head offices are in London, branch offices being established at Victoria and Vancouver. The local office is at 40 Government street, corner of Broughton.

Dalby and Claxton.

This well known firm, composed of Messrs. Wm. Dalby and Fred J. Claxton, was formed in 1889. They are general insurance, mining and financial agents. They represent the following: Alliance Assurance Co. (fire), the Yorkshire Guarantee & Securities Corp. (loans), the Royal Can. Packing Co. (salmon and lumber), Stadacona Silver-Copper Mining Co., Toad Mountain, the Silver Queen Mining Co., and the Sechart Quicksilver Mining Co., Barclay Sound. The firm is prepared to place insurance on dwellings, business houses, stocks of merchandise, household effects, factories, mills, etc. They also negotiate loans of any amount on approved security, and as financial agents are prepared to place surplus capital in safe remunerative investments. They make a specialty of mining properties and have on their books most desirable chances for investment in that channel. The firm is well known in this section and are regarded as among our most reliable and straightforward business men. Mr. Wm. Dalby was born at Richmond Hill, Ont., and in 1861 came to California. From there he moved to Cariboo, B. C., during the gold excitement. A short time later he came to Victoria and opened up the tannery, harness & shoe factory now conducted by Messrs. Ames, Holden & Co. Mr. Dalby has been one of our most progressive and public spirited citizens and has served both as mayor and alderman of the city. He has been justice of the peace for British Columbia since 1879. He is a prominent Free Mason, and has served as grand master of the lodge in British Columbia. Mr. Dalby also takes a prominent interest in the Agricultural Association, and represents the B. C. Auer Light Co. Mr. Fred J. Claxton was born in Montreal and came here in 1889. His father is one of the most prominent business men in that city, and his family are high in social circles. He is one of the leading authorities on all that pertains to his business and is highly esteemed in commercial circles. Mr. Claxton is a member of the Union Club and B. C. Board of Trade and is a commissioner for the Province of Quebec.

A. W. More and Co., Real Estate, Insurance and Financial Agents.

Mr. A. W. More, the sole partner of the above firm, came to British Columbia in February, 1888. He was born in the city of St. Andrews, Fifeshire, Scotland, receiving his education at the well known Madras College in that academic city. He served two years in a solicitor's office in his native city, and five years in the Clydesdale bank, both in St. Andrew's branch and in the head office Glasgow. From Glasgow he was called up to London where he entered into the service of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and in January, 1888, he received an appointment in the Bank of British Columbia to proceed to their branch in Victoria, B. C. After serving in the Victoria branch for a few years he was appointed manager of the bank at Nanaimo, from which position he resigned to enter into business on his own account in Victoria. In January, 1891, he fitted up the finest real estate office in Victoria at 70 Douglas street, where, by close attention to business and prompt execution of all matters entrusted to him, he has built up a very successful and ever increasing insurance and financial business. He represents three fire insurance companies: The Scottish Union and National Insurance Co., of Edinburgh; the Atlas Insurance Co., of London; the British America Assurance Co., of Toronto. One life company, the Federal Life Assurance Co., of Hamilton; one loan company, the Dominion Building and Loan Association, of Toronto. The firm is a thoroughly reliable one and transacts a general real estate, insurance and mortgage business; investments are made for residents and non-residents, and Mr. Moore is as honorable and trustworthy a Scotsman as will be found in British Columbia.

Pemberton and Son.

Among those most active in handling real estate and kindred interests is the well-known firm of Messrs. Pemberton and Son, which was established some nine years ago. The present firm is composed of Messrs. F. B. Pemberton and J. D. Pemberton. The office of this company is 45 Fort street. This company transact a general real estate business, selling, leasing and exchanging all kinds of property. They make a specialty of mining stocks and mining brokerage, and collect rents, secure good tenants, pay taxes, affect insurance and assume entire charge of estates for resident and non-resident owners. The firm has for sale, rent or exchange desirable city properties and farming properties, in Vancouver Island and the mainland of B. C., loans money on approved security and make a specialty of civil engineering and surveying. They also represent the Sun Fire Insurance Co. This firm are agents for the British Columbia Coal, Petroleum and Mineral Co., whose property is situated in the celebrated Kootenay district. They also represent the B. C. Southern Railway Co., which will operate in connection with the above, running from the mines to the American border. The firm are large stockholders in the first-mentioned concern. Both gentlemen are natives of this city and are among our most prominent business men, being regarded as authorities in all that pertains to real estate. Mr. F. B. Pemberton is a member of the board of directors of the Victoria hospital and also of the Board of Trade and Victoria Stock Exchange. Messrs. Pemberton and Son also represent Messrs. Anderson, Anderson and Co., owners of the Alberni townsite. The property of Messrs. Anderson, Anderson and Co. includes the present town of Alberni and also the new addition to Alberni townsite, with deep water frontage at the site of the sawmill built many years ago. This property they are about to place upon the market, and there is every probability of their being a very large town built there within a year or two. A start has been made and a hotel is going up, and arrangements are completed for building a large wharf and warehouse for the new C. P. N. steamer St. Pierre to stop at. Messrs. Anderson Anderson and Co. hold the only property fronting the magnificent harbor, on which it is possible to built a town of any size or importance.

R. S. Day, 42 Fort Street.

This business was established by Mr. H. E. Croasdaile many years ago, who on successfully floating the celebrated Silver King and Kootenay Bonanza claims on the English market, retired from business in Victoria to assume a lucrative appointment at Nelson under the Hall Mine Co., Ltd. Mr. Day, by private arrangement, took over the business, and has successfully carried it on for the past three years. He acts as a general land, financial and insurance agent, representing such old, well established and popular companies as the Imperial Insurance Co., Ltd, the London Guarantee and Accident Co., Ltd., the Dominion Plate Glass Insurance Co., and the London and Lancashire Life Assurance Co. He is enabled by his London connections to secure advances on first-class property at low rates of interest. Mr. Day is of Irish lineage, and was educated in the Queen's College, Cork. He graduated in the then Queen's University, Ireland, taking the degree of Bachelor in Civil Engineering, and afterwards served a term of two years as articled pupil in the office of Mr. Thomas Drew, R.H.A., a leading architect in Dublin. After gaining some experience in London, he proceeded to South Africa and spent several years on the diamond fields in the successful practice of his profession. He came to this province some five years ago, on his father's inheriting considerable interests in various investments made within its bounds, and acted jointly with Mr. Croasdaile on his behalf, until the latters departure, when he assumed full charge. He has no desire, however, to forsake the old paths entirely, and therefore gladly undertakes any architectural commission that are entrusted to him. Mr. Day is in the prime of life, and is well and favorably known in this community.

British Columbia Mining and Investment Agency.

One of the most important enterprises located in Victoria is the British Columbia Mining and Investment Agency with offices in the Board of Trade building. This agency was established in 1895, and has enjoyed exceptional success from the outset. They are agents for the Mount Tolmie Home Building Association, Ltd., Victoria, owners of one of the largest and best of our suburban properties. This property is being rapidly taken up both for residence purposes and by investors. Plots of from one to ten acres may be purchased on exceptionally reasonable terms. They also are general agents for Vancouver Island for the Great West Life Assurance Company of Winnipeg, the largest and most successful organization of the kind in the Northwest. A general mining agency is also conducted, the more important properties being in Alberni and Kootenay. The B. C. Mining and Investment Agency are publishers of the "Handbook of B. C. Mining Laws," and "British Columbia Mining Statistics for 1896." These publications are the neatest and most complete of the kind ever issued and are being received with great favor. The "British Columbia Mining Laws" especially supply a long felt need and is enjoying very extensive sales through the province. The agency also maintains offices at 716 Granville street, Vancouver. The managers are Messrs. J. H. Brownlee, James Brady and Chas E. Shaw. Mr. Brownlee is a civil engineer; Mr. Shaw, a civil engineer and Dominion land surveyor; and Mr. James Brady a mining engineer. All have had wide experience in their professions and rank as experts. They have resided in Victoria for years and are among our most enterprising citizens.

Heisterman & Co.

Mr. H. F. Heisterman was born in Bremen, Germany, in 1832. When a young man he began his business career in his native city Bremen, and then removed at age of 18 to Dantzig, Germany, subsequently removing to Liverpool, Eng., were he was for some years engaged in the commission business. In 1862 he came to Victoria and has since been one of our esteemed business men. He was the founder of reading rooms in this city and the founder of the first Chamber of Commerce. In 1864 he established the business which he has successfully conducted so many years. Mr. Heisterman is a general insurance, financial and estate agent. He is agent for the Phenix Fire Insurance, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the Western Insurance Co., of Toronto, the Underwriting and Agency Association, Ltd., of London, England, the Fireman's Fund (Marine) of San Francisco, the Mutual life of N. Y., the Steam Boiler and Plate Glass Insurance Co., of London, Ontario, and the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co., of Toronto. He is one of the most prominent authorities in local insurance circles. He is prepared to assume entire charge of estates for resident and non-resident owners, and to negotiate loans on approved security. Mr. Heisterman is the oldest established man in his special line of business and his long and prosperous career in Victoria has earned for him a well-deserved reputation for reliability and integrity. He is a notary public.

Flint and Prossor.

This firm are real estate brokers, financial, and general commission and insurance agents. They handle for sale, rent and exchange all kinds of property. They collect rents, secure good tenants, effect insurance and assume entire charge of estates for resident and non-resident owners. They also loan money on approved security, and are in a position to negotiate loans in sums from one thousand to one hundred thousand dollars. The firm are agents for the Islander Gold Quartz Mining and Milling company, Ltd., of which Mr. Prossor is the secretary. The Islander mineral claim is situated on a branch of Granite creek, and returns from assays have been more than satisfactory. The capital stock is $100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of $1 each, and is within the reach of all who desire

a good investment. Further particulars may be obtained at the office of Messrs. Flint & Prosser. Mr. Prosser is agent here for the Confederation Life Association of Toronto, an institution far too well known to require any special remarks. This firm is composed of Messrs. A. St. G. Flint and T. H. Prosser. Mr. Flint was born in Ireland, and has lived here the past nine years. Mr. Prosser is also an Irishman by birth, and has resided in Victoria eleven years. He was formerly engaged in business in Ireland and England before coming here. Both gentlemen are well known in commercial circles. Mr. Flint is a notary public. He is also secretary of the Victoria Building society, and before coming here was with the firm of Flint & Son, auctioneers of Dublin, well known throughout the whole of Ireland, of which firm Mr. Flint's father was the senior.

Henry Croft.

Prominent among our most influential business men is Mr. Henry Croft, civil engineer, mining broker and insurance agent. Mr. Croft came here thirteen years ago, and is identified with many of our most important enterprises. He was at one time engaged in the lumbering business, and was the founder of that extensive enterprise known as the Victoria Lumber company. Mr. Croft is secretary of the Victoria Fishing and Trading company. In insurance Mr. Croft represents the Manchester Fire Assurance company of Manchester, Eng., and the Provident Savings Association of New York. These are among the leading institutions in the world. The Manchester Fire Assurance company was established in 1824. The company has a paid-up capital of ten million dollars, with other resources, making a total security of $12,400,000. Its policies are liberal and void of technicalities, and all losses are promptly adjusted. Mr. Croft is prepared to write insurance on houses, mills, factories, stocks of merchandise, household effects, etc., at the lowest rates. He was for eight years a member of the local legislature. Mr. Croft is an associate member of the Institute of Civil engineers and M. I. of M. E. of England.

Hall, Goepel and Co.

This business was established in 1882. The company are general real estate and insurance agents. They represent the following institutions: The Liverpool and London and Globe Fire Insurance company, the Traveller's Life and Accident Insurance company, the Fireman's Friend Insurance company, the Fireman's Friend Marine, the Lloyds Underwriters of London, Union Pacific Railway company, Atlantic steamship lines and R. Dunsmuir & Sons, Wellington coal. They are prepared to write all kinds of fire, marine, life and accident insurance, to sell the tickets for all Atlantic steamship lines, tickets for Union Pacific steamers from Portland to San Francisco, and for the Union Pacific railway to all points east. They are the oldest coal agency in the city, and handle he celebrated Wellington product. They also conduct a general real estate business, buying, selling, leasing and exchanging improved and unimproved property, collecting rents, securing good tenants, negotiating loans, etc. Mr. Richard Hall is sole proprietor. He came here as a boy in May, 1859. Mr. Hall is also largely interested in sealing in connection with Captain Grant, and the Victoria Fishing and Trading company as a director. His office is at 100 Government street.

Beaumont Boggs.

Beaumont Boggs, of 28 Broad street, is one of the prominent brokers of the city, having an extended experience in the valuation of property, he is consulted by those wishing to purchase either farming or city lands, mines or mining stocks. Mr. Boggs is general agent for the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company, and has also the city agency of the Imperial Fire Insurance Company, of London, England. As a commissioner for the Province of Nova Scotia and a notary public for British Columbia, he is well and favorably known. Mr. Boggs come to Victoria in 1885 from Halifax, Nova Scotia, and has, by his ability and integrity, built up for himself a comfortable business.

Alberni—Pemberton and Sons, Agents.

A district that is claiming special attention now is that surrounding the townsite of Alberni, located about 100 miles from the city of Victoria. These townsites are owned by Anderson, Anderson and Co., ship owners and merchants of London, England, and was located some six years ago. Everything requisite for a bustling city is provided here. The harbor is one of the deepest and most sheltered on the coast, while the town is situated on a gentle slope, the beauty of the surrounding scenery being undescribable. Lately ore of gold, copper and silver have been taken out in this district of a very high grade, and consequently attention has been drawn thither and steps taken to develop these. Already several companies composed of leading men of the province and backed by large capital, have been formed, and development is being actively prosecuted. In addition to the excellent water facilities, Alberni is soon to have railway connections. A line to which is being considered at the present time and which no doubt will be built at no very distant date. Alberni is already a town of importance, containing several large mercantile houses and other business enterprises. As a manufacturing centre it holds forth every inducement, and at no late day we may expect to find several large industries flourishing here. Capitalists can find no safer investment, nor one that will yield quicker returns, than that offered in the mines of Alberni. A bill is at present before the house to incorporate the Alberni Water, Light and Telephone Company, the power generated to be distributed where required for mining purposes. Messrs. Pemberton and Sons, of Fort street, Victoria, represent Anderson, Anderson and Co., in this country.

Ben Williams.

A well known real estate and general insurance business in Victoria is that conducted by Mr. Ben Williams, whose offices are situated at 46 Fort street and 10 Broad street. This business was established in 1879 by Messrs. Flint & Williams, the latter becoming sole proprietor about two and a half years ago. Mr Williams transacts a general real estate business, buying, selling, leasing and exchanging improved and unimproved property, collecting rents, securing good tenants, effecting insurance, etc. He represents the Connecticut Fire Insurance company of Hartford and the Canada Accident and Plate Glass Insurance company. He is also a notary public for British Columbia, and is prepared to discharge all the functions of that office. Mr. Williams has resided in Victoria since 1878, and is one of our most esteemed citizens and business men. He also represents as secretary the Queen City Building, Loan and Savings Association, Ltd., and the Vancouver Island Building Society, both mutual institutions and calculated to help build up our city and afford citizens a secure means of investing their savings. Mr. Williams has also held the position of secretary of the school trustees of the Victoria city school district since 1891.

A. H. Harman and Co.

The general real estate, financial and insurance agent is an important occupation in Victoria, and in it are engaged many of our most prominent business men. Among the number may be mentioned Mr. A. H. Harman, successor to Messrs. J. E Crane and Co. This business was founded in 1890, and Mr. Harman has full control of the same. He conducts a general real estate business, making a specialty of gold mining properties in the Cariboo and other districts. He also collects rents, secures good tenants, effects insurance and assumes entire management of estates for resident and non-resident owners. He is prepared to negotiate loans on mortgages or other approved security. He is agent for the Sun Life Assurance company of Canada, and also represents leading fire insurance companies. Mr. A. H. Harman was born in London, Eng. and came here five years ago from Manitoba. He was formerly cashier for Messrs. J E Crane Co., whom he succeeds, and is fully conversant with every detail of his business. He is also a notary public. Messrs Harman Bros. of 75 Aldermanbury, London, E. C., are the London agents of the firm.

J. St. Clair Blackett.

Among our most active real estate and insurance operators is Mr. J. St. Clair Blackett, 74 Yates street. Mr. Blackett was born in Nova Scotia and he has been here since 1882. He was formerly of the firm of Blackett and White, merchants, Langley He founded his present business in 1892, and is already representative in this line. He conducts a general real estate business, buying, selling leasing and exchanging all kinds of property, improved and unimproved. He is general agent for the Union Assurance Society, of London, Eng. Mr. Blackett is prepared to write fire, insurance in this company to any amount, and its well known stability and liability attract a large patronage. Mr. Blackett is an authority in all that pertains to real estate and insurance matters.

Herbert Cuthbert and Company.

A RECORD OF PUSH, ENERGY AND SUCCESS.

This representative business house was founded in 1891, and has since, owing to its extensive operations, sprung into commercial importance. The company are auctioneers, real estate, financial mining and mortgage brokers, commission merchants, etc. They have large auctions in their rooms twice a week besides outside sales. Their business in general chattels, such as furniture, horses, cattle, farm stock and merchandise, has, during the last few years, reached enormous proportions, the turnover amounting to almost $100 000 a year. The house enjoys the reputation of being the leading auctioneers of British Columbia, and are especially known in the most distant parts of the province through their real estate and farm stock business. They receive on consignment for auction sale all kinds of merchandise, realty, etc., making liberal advances on the same, also on stocks, real estate, hotels and farm produce, and in cases where an auction sale is unadvisable, buy for cash at a few hours' notice, furnished residences, bankrupt stocks, etc. They make a specialty of real estate and fine art sales, private and public, and have on hand for sale or exchange, fine improved farm lands, also some of the finest residences in Victoria. The offices, general salesrooms and repositories occupy almost the whole of the fine new brick block, "Vernon," corner of Douglas and View streets, and have a frontage of about 200 feet. These are commodious and well appointed, being provided with every facility. This enterprising firm is engaged upon the getting out of a comprehensive pamphlet on B. C. for circulation in England for the purpose of bringing prominently before the people of the old country the many valuable farms and other properties, also mining properties, that are now on the market. All the expense is paid by the firm, and any properties will be inserted free upon the owner making application at their office. Mr. Herbert Cuthbert was born in Yorkshire, England, and came here about seven years ago. He is one of our most progressive business men and is well known and esteemed in commercial circles. He does not take an active interest in politics, but is a prominent Conservative.

Lee & Fraser.

This business was established four years ago, and has developed into a foremost enterprise of its kind. The office is at No 11 Trounce avenue. This firm conduct a general real estate business with its kindred interests, such as insurance, loans, etc. They buy, sell, lease and exchange city and farm properties, collect rents, secure good tenants, effect insurance and in fact assume entire management of estates They represent the North American Life and the Liverpool and London and Globe Fire Insurance Companies; and are also provincial inspectors for the Canadian Mutual Loan and Investment Co., of Toronto. The firm are prepared to negotiate loans of any magnitude on mortgages or other approved security. They are notaries public. The firm is composed of Messrs. Arthur Lee and A. B. Fraser. Mr. Lee was born in Shropshire, Eng., and has lived here nine years. Mr. Fraser is a native of Scotland, and came to Victoria from Liverpool, Eng., seven years ago. They are both prominent members of the Odd Fellows and kindred friendly societies, holding important offices in the management of all.

Captain J. D. Warren.

One of the best known and most popular of our pioneers is Captain J. D. Warren, 6 Trounce avenue. Captain Warren was born in Nova Scotia, and came to Victoria in 1858, since which time he has taken an active interest in everything pertaining to the city's welfare. Captain Warren is general agent for the "Barbara Boscowitz," for the Queen Charlotte Oil Company, and for Lloyd's of London, and is performing the duties attached to these important agencies with the utmost satisfaction. He has real estate and other interests in and around Victoria. Capt. Warren was for many years a sea captain.

Shedden, Goward & Co.,

Are real estate and insurance agents, and general expert accountants. They make a specialty of auditing books and unravelling difficult accounts or poorly kept books. Office, Trounce alley.

A. W. Jones and Bridgeman.

This business was established seventeen years ago by Mr. A. W. Jones, the present firm being formed in 1890. The firm are general real estate, financial and insurance agents, and have their offices in the Five Sisters' Block, at 28 Fort street, They have invested a large amount of English capital here. The firm represents the Caledonia Fire Insurance Co., the Canada Life Assurance Co, and the Phœnix Insurance Company of London. Mr. Jones is also agent for the Canada Settlers' Loan and Trust Co. Mr. A. W. Jones was born in the North of England but has lived here for 22 years and is a prominent business man. He is paymaster for the Canadian militia and battery for this province. Mr. A. J. Weaver Bridgman was born in England, and has lived here nine years. Before leaving England he practiced as a solicitor of the Supreme Court there.

Joshua Davies.

This business was established in 1867, Mr. Joshua Davies being admitted to the business by his father. It is the oldest enterprise of its kind in the city. Mr. Davies carries on the business of an auctioneer, appraiser and commission merchant, in room 7, Board of Trade Building. Mr. Davies is most expert as an appraiser, and has made the largest auction sales of merchandise that have occurred in the province. He has for years acted as auctioneer for both the Imperial and Dominion Governments, and has also sold large parcels of real estate for the Provincial Government and the H. B. Co. and other large holders. He is an authority in realty circles, being possessed of a full knowledge of the values of real estate. He is himself a large holder of landed property. Mr. Davies is a member of the Board of Trade, one of its council, and member of the Stock Exchange. He is president of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, and takes great interest in its welfare.

Jos. E. Phillips.

A popular business establishment of our city is that of Mr. Joseph E. Phillips, dealer in granite and marble monuments, cut stone, etc., whose offices and yards are at 74-76 View street, and also at Ross Bay cemetery. From the very outset this enterprise has met with success. The salesrooms and yards are spacious. In the former is displayed a fine assortment of granite and marble monuments, tombs, headstones, curbings, etc., while in the yards is a large stock of cut stone for buildings, and rough stock. Expert workmen are employed and the work done here is equal to the best, All materials are gotten direct from the best sources and the charges are moderate. Mr. Phillips fully deserves the success which has attended his efforts.

J. P. Burgess.

Mr. Burgess was born in Ontario, Canada. He came here from Ontario in 1872, and has ever since been engaged in carpentering and building. He is prepared to do all kinds of jobbing work, for the erection of store and office fittings and general repair work. His workshop is at 10 Broughton street, is well equipped, containing all necessary tools and appliances. Mr. Burgess has built up a large patronage and employs from five to six skilled workmen.

Gideon T. Johnstone.

One of the successful business men of Victoria is Mr. Gideon T. Johnstone, plumber, etc., whose salesrooms and shops are at 156 Government street. Eighteen months ago this business was established, and has proven exceptionally prosperous until to-day the patronage comes from all parts of the city and surrounding country. The premises are spacious and are equipped with every modern appliance that can in any way expedite or perfect operations, and only skilled help is employed. Everything in the line of plumbing and steamfitting is attended to as well as tin and sheet-iron work of all kinds, and the charges are the lowest possible. Mr. Johnstone came here from Ontario, where he had very wide experience, five years ago, and has already won the highest regard of his fellow citizens by his liberal and reliable methods.

T. Bradbury.

An important enterprise is that of T. Bradbury, stone cutter and contractor, with office and yards at the corner of Cormorant and Blanchard streets. From the outset this business has been exceptionally successful, owing to the high grade of the work done and the moderate charges made, until to-day the trade comes from all parts of the city and surrounding country. He manufactures and imports monuments and tombstones of all kinds and is also agent here for the celebrated Vancouver Granite Quarries. Only the ablest help is employed and all work is guaranteed. Mr. Bradbury has resided here for years and is one of our progressive citizens. Mr. Bradbury imports Scotch and other granite and makes a specialty of it. He is now building the Nanaimo Court House.

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BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS ABOUND

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MASSIVE AND IMPOSING PUBLIC EDIFICES

New Parliament Buildings a Conspicuous Example of the Most Modern Architecture--A Love of Harmony and Quiet Good Taste Evidenced by the Builders.

Though as regards the beauties of her public and private buildings Victoria is modesty itself, certain it is that the fame of her handsome homes reaches across the continent. Than some of the luxurious and well-appointed residences that adorn Belcher street, upper Fort street, Rockland avenue, the Gorge road or Esquimalt road, it would be impossible to find more attractive homes in all the Northwest, each being a model of artistic architecture placed like a lustrous jewel in the harmonious setting of its own charming lawns and ever-blooming gardens. Nor does the good taste of Victorians manifest itself only in the completeness and modernness of their homes and their surroundings. In public buildings as well a brave showing is made, the great grey mass of the new Provincial parliament buildings being one of the first features of the city to claim the instant and enthusiastic admiration of the incoming visitor, and to divert his attention, possibly, from the beautiful and majestic pile of Craigdarroch, which, perched proudly in the most commanding location the city affords, is the first distinct building in British Columbia's capital to excite wondering inquiry.

Of course it is not everyone who can live in a palace, but every Victorian who owns his own home—and the majority do—can and does make it a beautiful one.

Fortunately the city has never yet been laid waste by any devastating conflagration, such as those from which almost every other city in the Pacific Northwest has suffered, and hence the occasion has not yet arisen for a systematic rebuilding of any portion of the city, enabling a consolidation of architectural styles to be readily effected. The buildings of the city, taken as a whole, are nevertheless characteristic, the business premises being a reflex of the reputation of their occupants for strength and solidity, while making no pretensions to special magnificence or piling story upon story in an eccentric endeavor to overtop their neighbors: and the residences, taken in their entirety, displaying a love of harmony, comfort and quiet good taste. The width of the streets, too, well displays the beauties of the buildings which line them, and the adequate water supply enables lawns to be preserved fresh and green and streets free from dust practically the whole year round.

At only one time in its eventful history has Victoria displayed the slightest tendency toward building in anticipation of the demand for accommodation, and in that one "boom" year some four millions in money was expended with the architects and builders. Naturally the next year was a lax one, but the city has now recovered its normal tone in this as in everything else, and continues to expend about one million annually in erecting new public institutions, new places of business, and new homes as they are required.

Of the former the Provincial government buildings are of course first in importance, from the standpoint of cost as well as that of architectural beauty and that of magnitude. Then come the new Post Office and Custom House—which will, when completed, be without a peer in all Canada among cities of corresponding population—the churches in their order, the hospitals, the Protestant and Catholic orphanages, the drill hall, the law courts, the schools—public and private—the City Hall, the Provincial jail, the Board of Trade building and the exhibition buildings of the British Columbia Agricultural and Industrial Association.

A chat with any of the resident architects at the president time will convince the curious that 1896 is to be another year of progress, the members of this honorable profession who have the characteristics of a city so largely in their keeping being especially well qualified to form an opinion that carries weight. Here are a few of the most prominent architects and contractors of the city who have contributed materially to its upbuilding, from a struggling trading post in the wilderness into one of the most beautiful cities of the land.

W. Ridgway Wilson.

At 6 Bastion street are located the offices of Mr. Ridgway Wilson, one of the leading architects of this province. Mr. Wilson was born in Liverpool, Eng., and was articled for four years to one of the leading firms of architects in that city. He then went to London, where he was engaged in the office of the late Sir Horace Jones, city architect of London, and the offices of equally prominent architects. He also passed the examinations of the Kensington science and art department, which entitled him to lecture on building construction and give him rank as a student at the Royal Academy. In 1887 Mr. Wilson came to British Columbia and located in Victoria, since which time he has been successfully practicing here, many of the finest public buildings and private residences standing as monuments to his ability.

Elford and Smith.

One of the most flourishing business firms of Victoria is that of Elford and Smith, brick manufacturers and contractors, whose plant is located on Douglas street. Messrs. Elford and Smith established as contractors several years ago, and in 1889 took possession of their present brick yard, which had been successfully operated for three years previous to that time. They manufacture red brick, the most modern methods being followed, and the excellence of the product finds for it ready sales in all parts of the province. The capacity of the yards is 45,000 brick a day. But it is especially as contractors that Elford and Smith are known. Brick and stone work is their line, and they have erected many of the finest structures in Victoria. They are at present engaged on the new Post Office building, while among their completed contracts might be mentioned, The Driard hotel, the Jubilee hospital, Prior's block, the Saunders' building, Odd Fellows' block, etc. Their work is all of the highest order, and among the many contracts executed never a complaint has been made. Messrs. John Elford and William Smith are among our most progressive citizens. They are both in the prime of life, have had the widest experience in their line of business, and fully deserve the success which has crowned their efforts.

J. W. Mellor.

One of the leading houses in the city, devoted to painting and decorating, is that of J. W. Mellor, whose offices, salesrooms and shops are at 76 and 78 Fort street. Six years ago this business was established, and has proven in every sense a success. The premises occupied consists of a two-story building, 30x100 feet in area, modern and complete in appointment and equipment. The first floor is used for the salesroom, and here is displayed a choice stock of paints and oils; window, plate and ornamental glass; English and American wall-paper, etc. House, sign and decorative painting and paper-hanging is also executed in an artistic manner, the workshops being on the second floor of the building. Fourteen expert workmen are employed in this department, and among the contracts they have executed may be mentioned: Driard hotel, Adelphi block, Turner building, Agricultural buildings, Oak Bay hotel, Jewell block, etc. The house has the agency for the Montreal Plate Glass Insurance company. Mr. Mellor is a young man of wide experience in this line and of exceptional business ability. He came here seven years ago from Manchester, England, and has thoroughly identified himself with the city's interests.

John Jardine.

A popular business establishment of Victoria is that of John Jardine, painter and decorator, at 21 Government street. Twelve years ago Mr. Jardine established business here, and from the outset has enjoyed exceptional success, owing to the high quality of the work he does, and the moderate charges made. Everything in the line of house and sign painting, decorating, etc., is executed in the most artistic manner, and so uniform has been the excellence of all work done by Mr. Jardine that to-day the fact that he has charge of a contract is the strongest guarantee to our citizens that it will be discharged in a superior manner. Mr. Jardine employs, as a rule, eight competent workmen, and his patronage comes from all parts of the city and vicinity. A specialty is made of painting and decorating residences. Mr. Jardine is a young man and a native of Scotland. He has resided here for years, and his upright, progressive methods have gained for him the esteem of his fellow citizens. Mr. Jardine is a member of the St. Andrews and Caledonian Society.

Joseph Sears.

This business was established in 1876, by Mr. Joseph Sears, who is still in charge of the business. The premises occupied at 114 Yates Street, where the business has been carried on for the last eight years, consists of a two storey and basement building, 24 x 60 feet in area and a large brick warehouse in the rear. A stock of paints, oils, varnishes, brushes, window glass, plate glass and wall papers is carried. A specialty is made of painting, glazing, paper hanging and all interior work, in which line this house is one of the leading representatives in Victoria. A large number of our finest houses owe their beauty of interior decoration to this concern, which employs several experts. Among the number of buildings that owe their beauty to the skill of this house may be mentioned the Wilson Block, Doan Block, Williams' Block, etc. Mr. Sears came here thirty-three years ago from Massachusetts with his parents and he is one of our pioneers and is highly thought off as a citizen and business man.

R. Lettice.

Away back in 1860 this enterprise was inaugurated and from the outset has engaged exceptional favor until to-day, no house in the line, in our city enjoys a larger patronage. The premises occupied at 40 Fort Street, consists of two floors 30 x 50 feet in area. The first is used for a sale room and here is found a large and complete stock of paints, oils, varnishes, brushes, window glass, wall paper, etc., all purchased direct from the best houses and sold at low prices. Upstairs is the workshop. Everything in the line of house and sign painting, glazing and paper-hanging, is done and a large staff of thoroughly expert workmen is engaged. Among some of the leading buildings they have done, may be mentioned the Bank of British Columbia, Colonist office, Kirke Block, etc. Mr. Lettice was borne in England and has lived in Victoria for over thirty-five years. He is a thorough master of his trade and also possesses much business ability.

Cunningham & Hinton.

This firm of electricians and dealers in electrical supplies was established some two years ago. The premises occupied are 36 Government street, and are well-adapted to the business. The firm keep on hand a full supply of electric supplies, electric and combination fixtures, etc., and make a specialty of erecting electrical plants and placing electrical machinery. They regularly employ seven experts in this department, the force sometimes being increased to fifteen. They have erected several plants in this neighborhood and are first class representatives of their business. They put in part of the Victoria City electric arc-lighting plant and built the entire electric logging and mill plant of Mr. William Sutton of Uculet and Barclay Sound. At present they are putting in the electrical work for the new provincial government buildings in this city. The firm is composed of Messrs. C. G. Cunningham and G. C. Hinton. They are natives of Ottawa and are thoroughly experienced in in their business.

Thomas Hooper.

One of our leading architects and one who has succeeded in embellishing many of our most beautiful buildings, is Mr. Thomas Hooper, Spencer's Arcade. Mr. Hooper was born in Devonshire, Eng. In 1871 he went to Ontario and from there to Winnipeg. From Winnipeg he went to Vancouver and from there came here six years ago. Mr. Hooper has built many fine buildings here and at Vancouver. Among the number may be mentioned the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Gorge Road Church, Centennial Methodist Church, Jewell Block, Adelphi Block, Hotel Victoria, Queen's Hotel, R. T. William's building, Mr. Hedley Chapman's residence, Mr. John McDougall's residence, Mr. David Spencer's building at Nanaimo, and the Y. M. C. A. building at Vancouver. Mr. Hooper is a most skilful exponent of this profession. He is quite prominent in building circles and is at present engaged on several new plans. Mr. Hooper is also connected with the West Coast Packing Co. He is prepared to submit plans for any class of buildings and to superintend the construction of the same. He also furnishes plans for sewerage connections.

Alderman John G. Tiarks.

Mr. Alderman John Gerhard Tiarks, architect, who came to Victoria from Weston-Super-Mare, England, in July, 1888, has from the time of his arrival been most energetic and untiring in the work of his profession, and has ever shown his belief in the great future of Victoria by the number of investments he has made on behalf of himself and English clients. Among the many handsome buildings in and around the city which were designed by Mr. Tiarks may be mentioned the residence of Mr. John Bryden, M. P. P., Dr. E. B. C. Hanington, Dr. J. A. Duncan, Mr. A. J. W. Bridgman, Mr. W. Y. LePeor Trench, Captain A. E. McCullum, Mr. P. Mickey, Mr. George Gillespie, Mr. R. L. Ker, Mr. H. B. W. Aikman, Mr. H. O. Price, Captain D. Morison, Mr. F. M. Yorke, several houses for Mr. Andres Keating, and many others. Mr. Tiarks also designed the "Times" office on Broad street, the Pierre block on Douglas street and several other business blocks of importance. Work in prospect for this year will add largely to this list. Mr. Tiarks was elected an alderman for the Fourth ward in January of the present year, and will have new opportunities of serving the city in which he has prospered, and in whose property he has always taken so deep an interest. His office is at 39½ Government street.

Watson & Geiger.

The occupation of the plumber has come to be one of great importance and among the worthy representatives of that line of enterprise is the firm of Messrs. Watson and Geiger, who founded their business four years ago. Their office and shop is at 69 Pandora street, where is kept a full line of plumbers' supplies. The firm is prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and gas fitting, and make a specialty of job work. They have built up quite a good business. Among the number of buildings they have worked on is the Wilson house. The firm is composed of Messrs. T. F. Geiger and George Watson. They were formerly with Braden & Stanford, and are thoroughly skilled.

C. Cookson.

One of the largest plumbing and steam-fitting establishments of Victoria is that of Mr. C. Cookson, located at Broad and Johnson streets. Four years ago this business was established under the firm name of Cookson & Plows, the present style being taken in 1895. The premises contain every modern convenience and appliance, while several experienced assistants are employed. Everything in the line of plumbing, steam and hot-water heating, tin and sheet-iron work, etc., are attended to and many of the finest buildings have been fitted out by the firm. A complete stock of plumber's supplies is also carried. Mr. Cookson was borne in England and came to Victoria about five years ago. He is a young man of experience, and has various interests in the city. He is part inventor of a new automatic extension water-closet.

Wm. Lang.

The occupation of the contractor and builder is a most important one. A most worthy representative of this line of enterprise in Victoria is Mr. Wm. Lang, at 81½ Yates street. Mr. Lang has been identified with this business here for eleven years and is one of our well-known contractors. He is prepared to furnish estimates on any kind of work, making a specialty of residence work. Jobbing and repairing is also a feature and this class of work is given special attention. Mr. Lang was born in Eastern Canada.

Thomas Catterall.

One of our ablest contractors and builders is Mr. Thomas Catterall, whose residence is on First street, postoffice box 705. Thirteen years ago Mr. Catterall established business here and has been exceptionally successful, many of our finest buildings and residences standing as indisputable vouchers for this statement. Among these might be mentioned the residence of James Dunsmuir, T. B. Hall's residence, Snowden's residence, Graham's residence, and W. J. Pendray's residence, etc., etc. Mr. Catterall employs, on occasions, a very large staff of workmen. Only the most competent help is employed, only the best materials are used, and all work is supervised carefully by himself.

THE BLACK DIAMOND CITY

Nanaimo's History is That of Its Great Coal Mines.

THEIR ENORMOUS ANNUAL OUTPUT

Thanks to Enterprising and Progressive Citizens, the Coal City has Become One of the Greatest Producing Centres in the Pacific North-West.

Like its big neighbour to the south, the city of Nanaimo owes its existence primarily to the Indians—from whom it received its melodious and original name—and like Victoria again, its pioneer white residents were the officers, traders and servants of the Hudson's Bay Company. There, however, the parallel ends, for while Victoria grew in population and recognized importance as a shipping and trading town in the full meaning of the word, the history of Nanaimo is contemporaneous with and incidental to the development of the great coal mines at its doors, and with which its prosperity is directly identified.

The town had no existence save as an Indian village prior to 1856, in which year the Hudson's Bay Company established a post and erected the old Bastion that to-day is one of the landmarks and noteworthy sights of the bustling mining town. In that year too the first coal was taken out, and its splendid quality commanded the attention of experts who predicted a great future for the as yet undeveloped mines whence it came.

Slowly but steadily the village grew into a town that was admitted to incorporation in 1874, and then into a city with churches of many denominations, gas and electric lights, an opera house, excellent schools, comfortable hotels, a splendid recreation park, a daily newspaper and all the other adjuncts of city civilization. It has now a population of about 10,000, the real property in the city having an assessed valuation of $1,699,320 and sends the products of its mines to every quarter of the Pacific, last year's exports of coal, which fell considerably below than those of the year before and of the average, reaching the large total of $2,703,519.

As regards beauty of location, Nanaimo is almost as favorably placed as Victoria, the city being situated on the most easterly point of Vancouver Island, overlooking the picturesque gulf of Georgia, with the great mountain ranges of the mainland, rugged and glistening white beyond.

The Coal City makes no pretensions, however, as a place of resort—it is content to base its claims to fame upon the quantity and quality of its coal exportations, and to prosper as its contiguous mines are made productive to the comfort of the western world. The city of to-day, in fact the city and town of the past quarter of a century, takes its life from the New Vancouver Coal Co., which having purchased its mines from the Hudson's Bay Company in 1862, has since that date made them the main resource and support of the great majority of Nanaimo's inhabitants.

New Vancouver Coal Co.

Among the largest and most celebrated of the coal mines on the Pacific coast are those of our Island. For years these have been the greatest of our resources, and in fact the history of the development of the upper portion of the island may be said to be the history of the development of the coal mines. From this development cities and towns have sprung up throughout the various districts and Nanaimo, the largest of these owes its existence to the operations of the New Vancouver Coal Company, whose mines adjoin that city. And although Nanaimo is practically a mining town it is a beautiful summer resort, on account of its location, tourists and travellers could enter this city and not know that there was a mine near it. It has been kept so clean and free from smoke, no sign of coal being on the walks or streets like similar mining cities. The first coal was taken out in 1854 by the Hudson Bay Co., and in 1862 the New Vancouver Coal Company bought the property from it. The path leading to prosperity was a very rough and discouraging one for this company at first, through various causes, and up to 1883 the output ranged between 20 000 tons and 90,000 tons per annum, the climax of misfortune having been reached in 1883, when the output only reached 22 000 tons. After that date there was a change in the management; affairs was pushed stronger than ever, and the amount of the output gradually rose, 103,000 tons being taken out in 1884, and the output of the years following showing decided increase, until now the annual output often exceeds 400,000 tons. The company has sunk five shafts, most of which have been operated since 1884, and two only are in operation at the present time, but they intend commencing operations on the third. The main shaft or "Number 1," was sunk in December, 1883, and has attained a depth of 600 feet. This shaft is located in Nanaimo and is connected with Protection shaft, located on Protection Island, one and a-half miles from the city and developed to a depth of 700 feet. Shaft No 5 is at Southfield where the company has five mines developed to a depth of 500 feet. This shaft is some four miles from Number 1, while four and a half miles north of Number 1 is the Northfield shaft developed to a 400 foot depth. The trend of the veins of the mines is almost level with the surface, rising to the west and then dipping to the east at an angle of five degrees. The mines have double shafts for ventilation and are almost entirely free from gas while as to equipment they are thoroughly modern. Two mines are supplied with electric hawlers, namely No. 1 and Protection Island shaft, and this not only greatly expedites operations but lessens the number of horses and mules employed in the mines. These were the first mines in which an electric plant was successfully operated, it having been put in originally by the Edison Company simply as an experiment, but has been remodelled since and is now the most complete in the country. There are about fifty steam engines operated, many of which were made by the Albion Iron Works of Victoria, and by Oliver, of Chesterfield, England. The coal is all of an exceptionally fine quality. That from shaft No. 1 is especially adapted for gas, making eleven thousand feet of gas to the ton, giving a fine coke and 22 candle illuminating power. The Southfield yield is splendidly adapted for steam purposes, while the Northfield yield is harder and resembles closely the Wellington coal. The principal market for the coal is San Francisco; shipments are also made to Oregon, provincial and the Puget Sound cities, while many of the ocean steamship lines use it. At present only about nine hundred miners are employed, owing to temporary depression, but it is believed that in the near future the company will be employing its full staff, which numbers about 1400. The Vancouver Company employs only white help underground. Up to eight years ago they had a great many Chinese working in the mines, but at a great loss to themselves got rid of all these. For the year ending Dec 31st, 1895, the New Vancouver Coal Company paid out in wages $774 000. Almost all the miners live in Nanaimo, and the bulk of this money is spent in the city, for this thriving centre, with its splendid public buildings, large commercial and industrial enterprises, its railway and steamship lines, and second largest population on the Island, is almost entirely dependent upon the New Vancouver Coal Company, and its prosperity fluctuates as work at the mines slackens or grows brisk. The miners work in shifts of eight hours and are almost all contented and prosperous. Many of them own their own homes, while quite a few, through judicious investment, are ranked with the very well-to-do residents of the Island. In closing let us give a brief sketch of this great company. It was organized in August, 1862, as the Vancouver Coal Company, and thus continued until 1890, when the present style was taken. The head offices of the company are in London, and the president Mr. John Galsworthy; and secretary, Mr. Joseph Ramsden, reside there. The management of the mines and other interests at Nanaimo devolves upon Mr. S. M. Robbins, the general superintendent. In 1883 Mr. Robins came to Nanaimo and has resided here ever since. He has devoted his efforts to building up his company and the industries of the western coast. Mr. Robbins' ambition is to make this one of the leading industries on the coast. That he has done so has already been seen. Nor has he neglected the welfare of his employees, nor the interests of the citizens of Nanaimo. Everything that lay in his power has been done to advance the prosperity of the city and bring her to the place she now holds among the cities of this province, and his striving in this direction are by no means abating. The business men of Nanaimo, to a man, have nothing but good to say of Mr. Robbins. The miners are always ready to sound his praises. This state of affairs between master and man is, to say the least, rare. The New Vancouver Coal Company maintains branch offices at San Francisco, Victoria and most of the coast cities.

Thomas Kitchin.

Among the leading real estate and mining brokers of the Island is Mr. Thomas Kitchin whose offices are in the Johnston block, Nanaimo. Four years ago Mr. Kitchin established business here and has enjoyed exceptional success from the outset owing to the liberal and reliable methods that have always characterized his operations. He is manager of the Nanaimo Realty, Investment and Trust Agency, and his business consists largely of buying and selling real estate, improved and unimproved in all parts of the province; handling mining stock, etc. He has mining properties for sale or exchange in Alberni and Kootenay and is offering very special inducements. That the claims made for Kootenay, roseate as they may be, are based not on fancy but firmest fact has been too conclusively proven in the past few months to require us to put forth the claims of that rich district. Everybody knows of the latent or semi-developed wealth of that section and investors who overlook this opportunity will have occasion for stinging regret in the future. All information may be gleaned and safe investments made through Mr. Thomas Kitchin, Nanaimo. Mr. Kitchin was 24 years in business in London, England, with branches at Leeds, Hull and Worcester. Mr. Kitchin is enterprising and looking as usual well ahead, he has secured many of the best gold claims on the Island, notably at Alberni and would-be-investors will find his judgment has not been at fault, and would do well to consult him. He knows what business is and does not frighten would be clients by making absurd prices. Live and let live is his well known motto. Mr. Kitchin is a strong believer in the future of the Kootenay country, especially of Kaslo. He never asks his clients to invest in real estate unless he has shown his confidence in the same in a practical manner by putting his own money into the propositions he recommends; for instance since Kaslo first started he has been a firm believer in its future and after the fire and flood when no one (to use his own original expression) "Would touch it with a pitchfork," he went right in and bought largely at his own figures, in fact it is said at the time he was the only buyer in British Columbia. He is to-day giving himself and his clients the benefit of these cheap purchases. All he predicted about Kaslo is coming to pass, the Kaslo-Slocan Railway is in operation and Kaslo is at last coming to the front in proper shape and in his opinion will shortly outstrip Rossland. He has been in British Columbia for the past six years. He is a man of exceptional business ability, enterprise and integrity and fully merits the success and esteem he enjoys to-day. Mr. Kitchin has various important interests throughout the Province.

Union Brewery Company, Ltd. Lty.

One of the leading industrial enterprises of Nanaimo is that of the Union Brewery Company, Ltd., Lib., owners and operators of the "Union" and "Nanaimo" breweries, two of the largest and most modern brewery plants on Vancouver Island. This company was incorporated in January 1891, with a capital stock of $100,000, and the officers are: president, John Perry; vice president, W. A. Young; treasurer, E. Quennell; secretary, W. E. Norris; manager, H. Reifel. The "Union Brewery," is located on Dunsmuir street, covering five city lots, and the main building is a four story, brick and stone structure, 100 x 75 feet in area. It is provided with everything in the line of modern machinery and appliances. Steam provides the motive force. There is also an ice plant of considerable capacity. The output consists of lager and steam beer and the capacity is 15,000 barrels a year. The Nanaimo brewery is about the same size as the Union and is similarly equipped. Only the purest ingredients are allowed to enter into the composition of the beer, and for purity, flavor and strength the product of the Union Brewery Company, Ltd, is unsurpassed. All the leading hotels in Nanaimo and throughout the northern portion of the Island use it, almost to the exclusion of Canadian or American beers, and the demand for it is constantly increasing. The names of the officers of the company are the strongest guarantees of its reliability that can be furnished. Mr. Perry is a large land owner. Mr. Young is manager of the Hamilton Powder Co.'s works at Northfield; Mr. Quennell is one of Nanaimo's influential business men; while upon Mr. Norris devolves the management of the company's finances, and upon Mr. Reifel the management of the plant. Mr Norris was born in England but has lived in Canada for some years. Mr. Norris' business ability is contributing largely to the success of the company. Mr. Reifel was born in Germany and is a brewer of the widest experience. He has had wide experience in Germany, California and Vancouver, and was eight years with the Nanaimo brewery before accepting his present position.

Simpson and Simpson.

Prominent among the legal firms of Vancouver Island is that of Simpson & Simpson, whose offices are on Commercial st., Nanaimo. The firm is composed of Messrs. H. A. & J. H. Simpson, and they have been practicing together here for the past five years. They are barristers, solicitors, notaries public, etc., and carry on a general law practice meeting with exceptional success in all branches. Mr. H. A. Simpson was born in Belleville, Ontario, in 1869, and after a preparatory education at some of the best schools of that province entered Toronto University, from which he graduated with the degree of B.L.B. He then entered Osgoode Law school, Toronto, and took a two years' course there. Mr. J. H. Simpson, father of Mr. H. A. Simpson, was born in Picton, Ontario, and graduated from Toronto University and Osgoode Hall in 1864, and came to British Columbia in 1894, and has ever since held a prominent place among the barristers of the province. He has been for the past two years post master of Nanaimo.

Fletcher Bros.

The leading music emporium of Vancouver Island, outside of Victoria, is that of Fletcher Bros., located on Commercial street. Fifteen years ago this enterprise was inaugurated, and in 1894 the present proprietors, Messrs. George A. and James Fletcher, took possession. In the spacious and handsome salesrooms are carried a stock valued at several thousand dollars, including pianos, organs, musical instruments of all kinds, sheet music, sewing machines, etc., the house having the agencies for: Bush & Gerts, Kroeger & Co.'s, Ennis & Co.'s, and Gerard, Heinzman & Co.'s pianos; Doherty's, Mason & Hamlin and Bell & Co.'s organs; Domestic, New Raymond, Seamstress, etc., sewing machines. All the latest popular music is always found here as quickly as it is in the market. Messrs. Fletcher are the sons of J. W. Fletcher, the well known music dealer of Victoria, and with their father received their thorough training. They are widely known and highly esteemed, not only in Nanaimo but throughout the Island.

Ed. Quennell.

Among the business men of Nanaimo is Mr. Ed. Quennell, dealer in all kinds of meats and vegetables, etc., on Commercial street. Mr. Quennell established this business twelve years ago last November, and has enjoyed great success from the outset. A branch house is maintained at Wellington. The slaughter houses are located in Cedar District, eight miles from Nanaimo, and these are equipped with everything for rapid and perfect work. Goods are delivered free to all parts of the city and country. Mr. Quennell was born in Sussex, England, and came here in September, 1864. He has always taken an active interest in the affairs of Nanaimo and the Island, and every worthy project has received his heartiest support. He was alderman for several terms and mayor during '94 and '95. Mr. Quennell is at present a member of the school board, harbor master and pilot commissioner. He has large farming interests and is treasurer of the Union Brewing Company, Ltd.

Stevenson & Co.

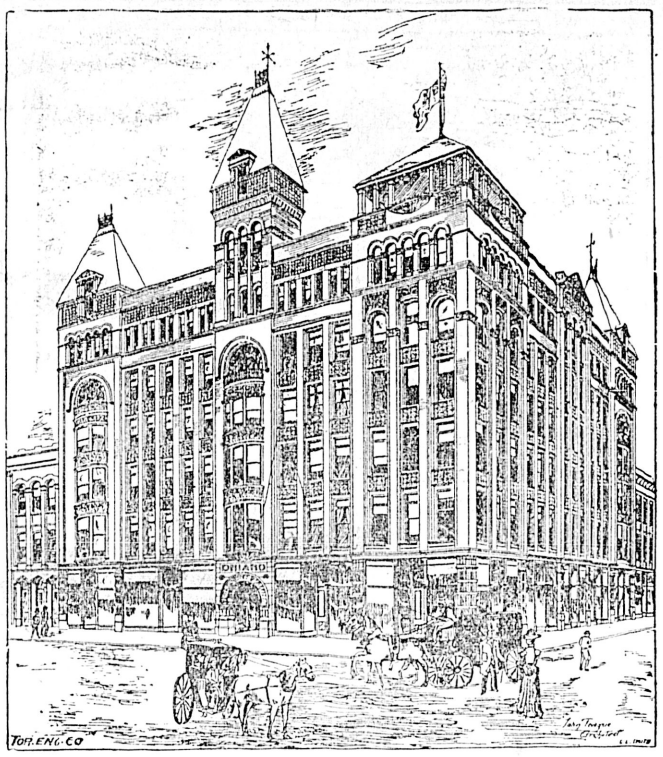
Stevenson & Co. are importers of and dealers in dry goods, etc., at 41 and 43 Commercial street. In 1893 this enterprise was inaugurated and has met with decided success from the outset owing to the high class of the goods carried. In the spacious salesrooms are displayed to advantage staple and fancy dry goods, men's and boys' clothing, hats and caps, etc., in all varieties and grades, purchased from the very best sources. Experienced assistants are employed and all orders are filled with promptness. In May, 1895, a branch house was opened at Union when a large stock of goods similar to those handled at the Nanaimo house is carried. The members of the firm are Mr. Charles E. Setvenson and J. E. T. Powers, both of whom are young and devote all their time to their business. Mr Stevenson was born in Thornby, Ontario, and came west some years ago. He was formerly in business in Kamloops. Mr. Powers was born in Lachute, Quebec, and has been here for six years. He was formerly manager of the boot and shoe and dry goods department of the N. E. P. Society of Nanaimo, becoming a member of this firm one year ago.

Yarwood & Young.

Messrs. E. M. Yarwood and F. M. Young composing the firm of Yarwood & Young. The personnel of these genelemen is as follows:—Mr. E. M. Yarwood was born in Belleville, Ontario, and after a thorough collegiate education, began the study of law. In 1889 he came to British Columbia and practiced as a solicitor until 1890, when he was called to the bar at Victoria. Mr. F. Young was born in Brockville, Ontario, and took the arts course at McGill university, Montreal, graduating with the degree of B. A. In 1889 Mr. Young came to British Columbia and in 1890 was called to the bar at Victoria. The present partnership was formed in 1892. Messrs. Yarwood & Young possess every requisite for success in law. Their intellectual attainments and thorough knowledge of every branch of their profession enables them to cope successfully with criminal and civil cases alike. The offices of the firm are at Commercial street Nanaimo.

Barker & Potts.

Among the leading barristers of the Island are Messrs. D. H. Barker and C. H. Beever Potts, composing the firm of Barker & Potts, Commercial street. Mr. C. H. Barker was born near Fredericton, N. B., and after a preparatory course at some of our best schools of that province, entered the University of New Brunswick from which institution he graduated in 1883. He then went to Toronto, and read law with one of the leading firms there and attended lectures at Osgood Hall. He came to Victoria in 1891, and was in the office of Yates & Jay until December 1st, 1892, when he was called to the bar. Mr. C. H. Beever Potts was born in West Hoathly, Sussex, England, and after a thorough collegiate education was articled to Dodd & Son, of New Broad street, London, and was admitted as a solicitor in London in November, 1887. Mr. Beever Potts attended a course of lectures of the Incorporated Law Society of England, and afterwards took a managing clerkship with Mr. T. Blanc White, of Chancery Lane. In 1889 he came to Nanaimo and was admitted as a solicitor at Victoria in 1890 and called to the bar in 1895. The present partnership was formed Sept. 1st, 1894. Barker & Potts carry on a general law practice, their thorough knowledge of legal affairs enabling them to deal with all branches of their profession with equal success.



THE DRIARD HOTEL, BROAD AND VIEW STREETS.

City Market.

Twenty years ago this market was established, and four years ago the present proprietors took possession. The salesrooms 50x50 feet in area, modern and complete in appointment and heavily stocked with fresh, salt and smoked meats, produce, etc., while the slaughter houses, located on Departure Bay Road, are also spacious and modern. Six assistants are employed, and the trade, which is both wholesale and retail, comes from all parts of the city and outlying districts. Messrs. Josiah Hemans and Matthew Warmsley are the members of the firm. Mr. Hemans was born in Eastern Canada, but has lived in British Columbia since 1869, while Mr. Warmsley was born in Virginia and has resided here for seventeen years. Both have various interests here, and are widely known.

The Windsor.

Seven years ago Mr. H. Dempsey opened the Windsor, and ever since it has been the favorite of the travelling public. The house is a three-story structure and is thoroughly modern in its equipment, being lighted throughout with gas and electric light, supplied with call bells, baths, etc. Forty-seven bright and well furnished guest rooms, single and en suite, are provided, many of which have cheery grates and steam radiators. The menu is excellent, and the bar, which is splendidly decorated, contains only the finest imported and domestic liquors and cigars. The Alberni mail stage, running twice a week, has its headquarters at the Windsor. Carriages from the hotel meet all trains and boats. The rates are $2 a day and upward. Mr. Dempsey has been fifteen years in the hotel business.

T. and N. W. Dobeson, (Nanaimo Foundry.)

The only enterprise of the kind in this part of the Island is the Nanaimo Foundry, T. & N. W. Dobeson proprietors. Eight years ago this enterprise was founded, and has enjoyed liberal patronage. They are iron and brass founders, engineers and machinists, and all work turned out by them is of the highest order. The machinery in all departments is of the most modern and approved type, and steam furnishes the motive force. Ten assistants are employed. They do a great deal of work for the mines of the new Vancouver Coal Company, the Hamilton Powder Company, Nanaimo saw mill, etc. All work is guaranteed and prices are always moderate.

W. B. Dennison.

Mr. Dennison has been in business here for six years. He is agent at Nanaimo for the C. P. Railway; for the Union S.S. Co., operating freight and passenger steamers between Nanaimo and Vancouver; for the Dominion Express Company, and for all the Atlantic steamship companies from New York, Halifax and St. John, etc. Mr. Dennison is United States Consul for Nanaimo, which position he has filled for six years, and was just lately appointed Nicaraguan Consul. Mr. Dennison was born in Scotland but has lived in the United States for 20 years, having been prominently identified there with leading railway and steamship companies.

E. Pimbury & Co.

Among the leading wholesale and retail chemists and druggists of British Columbia is the firm of E. Pimbury & Co. In 1875 Mr E. Pimbury established this business and successfully conducted it alone until 1889 when Mr. E. McG. Van Houten was admitted into partnership. Their main salesroom is handsomely furnished in cherry, tastefully frescoed, etc., and the select stock displayed includes the freshest and purest of drugs and chemicals, patent medecines, toilet articles, perfumes, druggists sundries, physicians' and surgeons' supplies, etc. Their laboratories are modern and complete and a specialty is made of compounding physicians prescriptions. The firm also carries a complete stock of books and stationery. The trade comes from all the northern and central portion of the Island and a branch house is maintained at Union, having been established two years ago. Mr. Pimbury was borne in England and Mr. Van Houten in the United States, but both have resided here for years. They are members of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Association of British Columbia.

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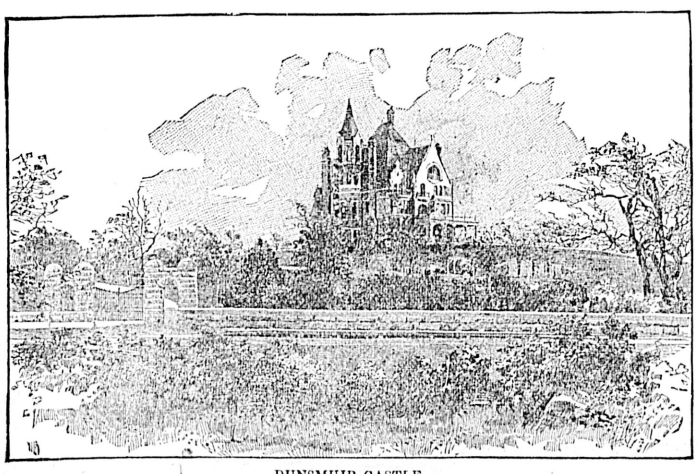

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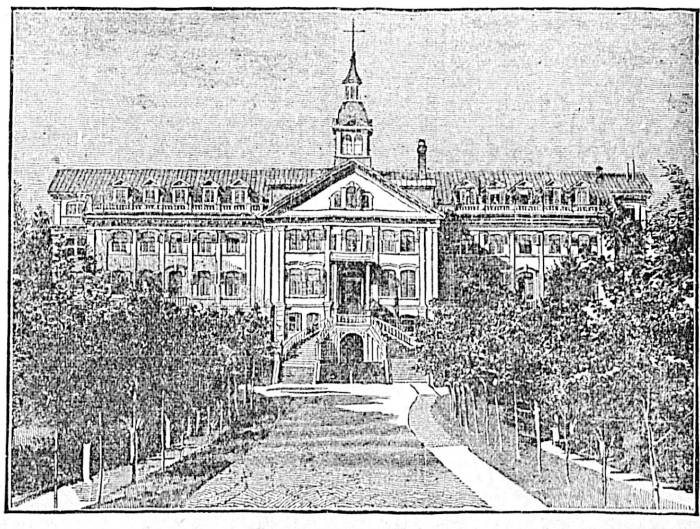

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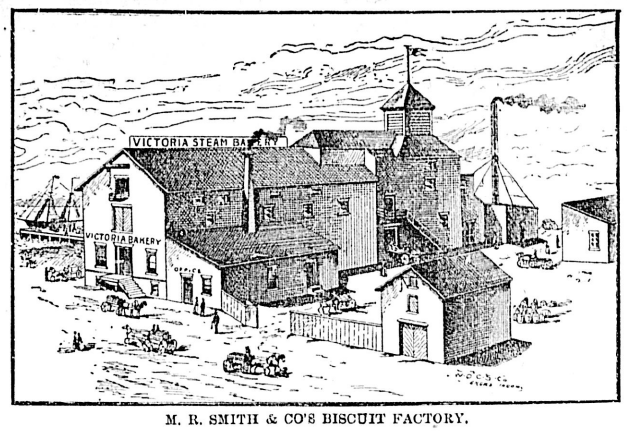

M. R. SMITH & CO'S BISCUIT FACTORY.

J. S. Stannard & Co.

Twelve years ago this enterprise was inaugurated and its success has been very exceptional. To-day the trade comes from all parts of the city and surrounding distric and the house enjoys an enviable reputation The main salesroom is splendidly appointed and display to advantage the choice stock carried. This includes everything in the line of staple and fancy dry goods, men's and ladies' furnishings, millinery, mantles, etc. Each department is in charge of an experienced "head." Mr. J. S. Stannard was born in England but has resided in British Columbia for thirty years. He was formerly identified with Turner, Beeton & Co., and Wm Wilson & Co., of Victoria, removing to Nanaimo seven years ago.

Nanaimo Equitable Pioneer Society, Ltd.

This society was instituted October 1st, 1884 and was incorporated September 18 h, 1891 with large capital stock. The officers are: President, Robert Rivers; secretary, Gilbert McKennell; manager, E E Taylor They are dealers in general merchandise and their premises consists of a two-story building, covering three town lots. The stock includes everything in staple and fancy groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes, fancy goods, and in short everything in the line of general merchandise. Three years ago the society opened a butcher shop, near their main premises and this venture has also been crowned with success. The aim of this society has been to benefit the workingman by selling him the best goods at the closest possible figures and that it has proven a boon to the public in general is shown by the patronage it enjoys.

Spencer's.

The largest business house in Nanaimo is Spencer's, located on Victoria Crescent. This is a branch of the Victoria house of David Spencer's, established three years ago. The premises occupied consist of three spacious, two-story, brick buildings, having a frontage of over 100 feet on Victoria Crescent. These are connected by archways and consist of three distinct departments, namely, the dry goods, millinery, cloaks and mantels. Several thoroughly experienced assistants are employed. The trade though very extensive in Nanaimo is by no means confined here, but comes from all parts of the surrounding district and is constantly growing. Mr. J. W. Grant is the manager. Mr. Grant was born in Nova Scotia and has lived in the west for years. He was for ten years with the house of David Spencer in Victoria and one year ago took the management of the Nanaimo house.

John Hilbert.

In 1873 Mr. Hilbert established in business in Nanaimo as a furniture dealer and funeral director, and successfully conducted the joint business until 1892 when he gave up furniture and now confines himself solely to the other branch. He controls the undertaking and embalming business in this part of the Island, and there is no better equipped establishment of the kind north of San Francisco. Mr. Hilbert is a graduate of the Oriental, Eureka, United States; and Clark's school of embalming Mr. Hilbert was born in the Isle of Axhalm, Lancashire, England, in 1845 and in that country received his education. Coming to America he located in Nanaimo in 1893. He was for six years alderman and in 1890 and 1891 was mayor of the city. He formed the order of A. O U. W., A. O. F., American Legion of Honor, etc; was for years a leading spirit in the Board of Trade; has been a Justice of the Peace for a long time, and at present is commissioner for the Great Montreal Exposition, which is to last from May until October of this year. Mr. Hilbert has charge of the British Columbia exhibit and we hope that our people will heartly co-operate with him, that our province may have a representation worthy of her own importance, and of this great undertaking. Mr. Hilbert acted successfully as commissioner for the Mid-Winter Fair at San Francisco, and for the Toronto Exposition in 1890.

Nanaimo Gas Company.

The Nanaimo Gas Company was organized in 1886 The officers are: President, Dr. G L Milne, Victoria; vice-president, Thos Shotbolt, Victoria; secretary and manager, W. K. Leighton, Nanaimo. The company supplies gas for lighting, heating and cooking purposes to the citizens of Nanaimo and suburbs. There are several miles of gas mains laid throughout the city, extending to all parts of the city, through almost every street. Gas is admitted to be without a superior for heating and lighting purposes and in Nanaimo it is doubly popular owing to the very moderate rates at which the company supplies the city.

James Hirst.

This business was originally established by Mr. John Hirst about thirty years ago, and was successfully conducted by him until his lamented death in 1882, when his sons succeeded, and the style of Hirst Bros. was taken. In August, 1894, Mr. James Hirst became sole proprietor. He is an importer and general shipping merchant and dealer in groceries, provisions, boots and shoes, hay, oats, grain, flour and all kinds of produce, tobaccos, cigars and patent medicines. A splendid assortment is displayed in the salesroom, which is 25x100 feet in area. Low prices prevail, and liberal and reliable methods have always characterized the operations of the house. Mr James Hirst was born in Nanaimo, and twelve years ago entered the present business. He is a young man of experience, and ranks among the most successful of Nanaimo's business men.

Crescent Hotel.

One of the popular hotels in Nanaimo is the Crescent. Mr. H. L. Bates proprietor, located on Victoria Crescent. Five years ago this house was opened, and from the outset has enjoyed a very liberal patronage In February the present proprietor took possession, and under his management the Crescent bids fair to be a greater favorite than ever. It is a four story brick and stone building of spacious proportions, and is modern and complete in its appointments It is lighted by electric light and gas, has call-bells, baths, etc. There are fifty guest rooms, single and en suite, all of wh ch are bright and well furnished. The house is conducted upon both the American and European plans. Mr. Bates has lived on Vancouver Island for eight years, and before taking the Crescent had a large ranch on Nanaimo river. He has various interests, such as mining, etc.

C. C. McKenzie.

Twelve years ago Mr. McKenzie established business as a real estate and financial agent, and has built up a large patronage. Mr. McKenzie carries on a general real estate, loan and insurance business. He buys, sells and exchanges city and farm properties, loans money on mortgages at low rates, and places insurance with the best companies, his leading company being the Atlas Fire Insurance Company of Manchester, England. His thorough knowledge of the present and prospective values of real estate render his services especially valuable to investors and those contemplating an outlay of capital could not do better than consult Mr. McKenzie. Mr. McKenzie was born at Fort Vancouver, Washington, March 25, 1836, and came to British Columbia in 1859 He was for a long time principal of Victoria Boys' school, and afterwards superintendent of education for the province. In 1890 he was elected member for Nanaimo electoral district, on the opposition ticket.

P. Gable and Co.

The oldest cigar factory in Nanaimo, and one whose product is known far beyond the limits of that city, is that of P. Gable & Co. Mr. Gable established this enterprise ten years ago, and one year ago he admitted into partnership Mr. A. A. Davis The factory is equipped with every appliance. Eight assistants are employed. Only the finest Havana tobaccos are used, and the product, for fragrance, purity and flavor, are without superiors. The leading brands are the "Nanaimo Enterprise" (registered as their trade mark), "Spring Blossom," "Island Queen," "Arneto," "Stag Racket," etc. These are all high-class goods, and find ready sales in all parts of the Island. Mr. P. Gable was born in Pennsylvania, where he learned his trade. He came west some years ago, locating first in New Westminster and coming here ten years ago. Mr. Davis was for five years with Mr. Gable before becoming a partner. The firm opened a branch factory at Rossland in March of this year.

Orr & Rendell.

This house was established six years ago and has enjoyed most gratifying success. At the outset the proprietors recognized the fact that only liberal and reliable methods, rigidly adhered to, can assure permanent prosperity in business. They carry a full line of boots, shoes and rubbers of all grades and representing the product of the best factories, and do repair work on the premises. They make a specialty of the goods of Ames Holden & Co. of Winnipeg and Victoria. The best trade of the city falls to the lot of this popular house. Messrs. W. J. Orr and Ed. Rendell are the members of the firm and both came here six years ago from Victoria, where they were in the same line. Mr. Orr was born in Quebec and Mr. Rendell in England.

J. Booth.

Mr. J Booth, the Cuban cigar manufacturer, established business in Nanaimo in 1894 and has met with much success owing to the high grade of his cigars. Five thoroughly experienced assistants are employed and the leading brands made are:—"Cuban Blossom," "Black Diamond," "Fragrants," and "Nanaimo Favorite." These are all high grade cigars and of exceptionally fine flavor, but the favorite of these favorites is the "Cuban Blossom," which has enjoyed a steady run since it was put on the market. The trade is wholesale and comes from all parts of the island. Mr. Booth was born in England and came here from Winnipeg, where he was in business four years ago. Mr. Booth has chosen Nanaimo as his permanent home, and does everything in his power to advance its interests. A proof of this was given when he erected his handsome residence at a cost of $7,000, and than which there is no finer in the city.

J. H. Good.

A prominent enterprise of Nanaimo is that of Mr. J. H. Good, auctioneer, valuator, general commission agent, and land, insurance and financial agents, Green Block, Church street. Two years ago. Mr. Good established this business and has been exceptionally successful. The salesrooms are 50x40 feet in area, and these are heavily stocked with new and secondhand furniture and household goods of all kinds, specialties being made of the stoves of the Smart Manufacturing Company, of Brockville. Mr. Good is also agent for Nanaimo and district for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, also handles local real estate exclusively and at all times has valuable holdings to dispose of Mr. Good was born and raised in British Columbia and has lived in various parts of the province. He was for three years mail clerk on the E. & N. Railway and for five years a telegraph operator on the Fraser river. He is also agent for Auer Light Co.

Smart & Thorne.

This bakery was established thirty years ago by Mr. Wm. Webb, and in 1893 the present proprietors took possession. The product consists of plain and fancy bread, cakes and pies, etc. A specialty is made of wedding cakes and of catering for parties, balls, weddings, etc The capacity of the ovens is 300 loves a day. Mr. Smart was formerly with M R. Smith and Henery C Clay of Victoria, and Mr. Thorne with Jack Black of Nanaimo.

City Tea Company, (W. Worden.)

Mr. Worden was born in England, but came to Toronto when an infant and for many years was manager for A. W. Ogilvie & Co., in Western Canada, having his headquarters in Toronto. Five years ago he came to Nanaimo and founded the Diamond City Furniture Company, the interests of which he successfully looked after until four years ago when he established the present enterprise. The stock carried includes everything in the line of staple and fancy groceries and general merchandise, flour and feed, etc, and the trade is wholesale and retail. A specialty is made of teas, the choicest brands of all kinds being carried.

Thomas Hardy.

Mr. Hardy established this business seven years ago and has been exceptionally successful. His premises are heavely stocked with roots, barks and herbs and the various preparations he manufactures for almost every ailment. All his medicines are purely vegetable preparations and their merits are attested by hundreds who have used them with the greatest benefit. Mr. Hardy was born in England, but has lived here eighteen years. He has given the closest attention to the study of Botany and is to day one of the best posted botanists in the west.

John J. Honeyman.

Mr. Honeyman was born in Glascow, Scotland, and was apprenticed to H. & D. Barclay of that city, one of the best known firms of Scotch architects. Seven years ago Mr. Honeyman came to Vancouver to take up ranching life and located in Comox, where he stayed until he began the practice of his profession here. He is at present engaged on the new central school, Nanaimo, toward the erection of which the government has granted $15,000 He is also getting out plans for the rebuilding of the Nanaimo Hotel here. The fire hall is among the numerous buildings here designed by by Mr. Honeyman.

J. H. McMillan and Co.

Five years ago this business was established at Northfield, and one year later was removed to Nanaimo. They are dealers in choice groceries, feed and grain, the trade, which is wholesale and retail, coming from all parts of the district. Mr. J. H McMillan was born in Stormont county, Ontario, and came to British Columbia in July, 1887. He first opened business in Vancouver, remaining there for four years, and then coming to Northfield and Nanaimo.

Shamrock Stables.

The Shamrock stables, of which Dunlap Bros. are the popular proprietors, were established ten years ago. They have accommodations for thirty-five horses and a general livery, boarding and express and dray business is carried on. The proprietors came here from Toronto fifteen years ago and are widely known.

Marcus Wolfe.

Mr. Wolfe carries on a general insurance, loan and real estate business. He buys, sells and exchanges city and suburban, improved and unimproved properties; loans money in large amounts on mortgage or other good security, and places insurance at low rates in the best companies. Mr. Wolfe represents the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company of Edinburgh; Phoenix Fire Assurance of London; Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada; London Guarantee and Accident Company; Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Company; Citizen Building Society of Nanaimo, and the Globe Savings and Loan Company of Toronto. Mr. Wolfe is also agent for the Great Northern Railway. Mr. Wolfe has resided in Nanaimo for twelve years. He is Secretary of the Nanaimo Board of Trade, secretary of the Nanaimo hospital and has various important interests here.

Geo. Whitfield.

Mr. John Whitfield established this business thirty years ago and successfully conducted it until he was succeeded by his son, the present manager. In the spacious salesrooms is displayed a heavy stock of men's women's, boys' and girls', and children's boots and shoes and rubbers in all styles and grades. Repairing and custom work is done an expert shoemaker being employed for this purpose.

eorge Bevelockway.

Thirty years ago Alex. Mayer & Co. established this business, and four years ago Mr. Bevelockway became proprietor. From the very outset the "Red House" has enjoyed most gratifying patronage, but under Mr. Bevelockway's management it is more popular than ever. He is an importer and wholesale and retail dealer in general merchandise, the specialties being groceries and dry goods, and the spacious salesrooms, 80x40 feet in area, are heavily stocked with the choicest products of all countries.

Empire Brewery.

Three years ago this brewery was opened, and has proven very successful, the sales today extending to all parts of the surrounding district. The product is steam beer, and this, for flavor and purity, is unsurpassed Mr. Weigle, the proprietor, was born in Germany.

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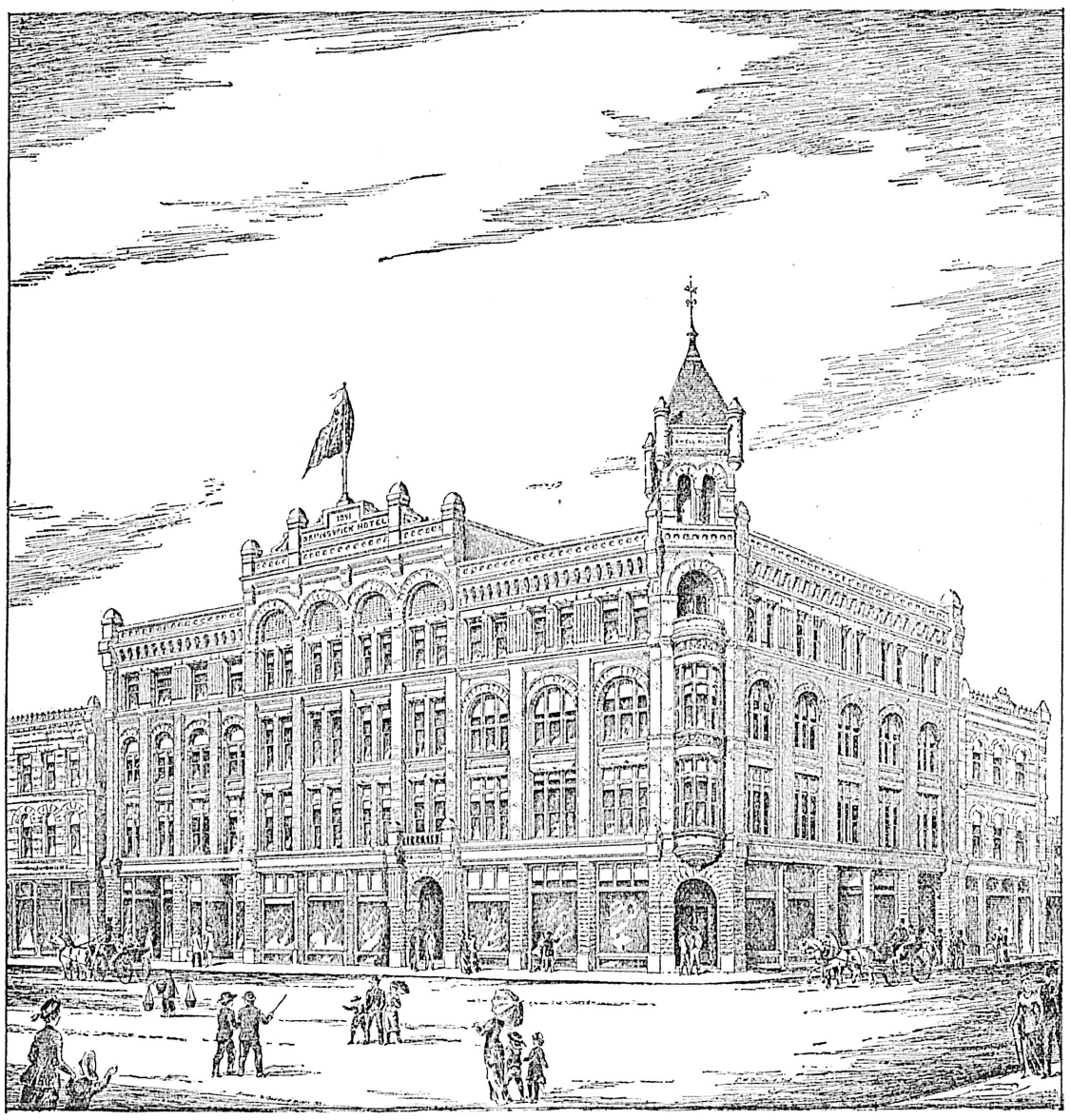

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One of the Greatest Industries in the Province, Giving Employment to Many Men and Vessels—Immense Output of Coal Yearly.

The coal measures of Vancouver and Queen Charlotte Islands are incomparably superior to any other on the Pacific Coast. Nature has with lavish hand spread out for the benefit of this famed spot immense fields of this most valuable mineral placed where it could be mined with advantage and with in easy access of the sea. Coal mining has become one of the greatest industries in the province, giving employment to thousands of men, and many vessels. At Wellington and Nanaimo some 75 miles from Victoria, on Vancouver Island is an immense field of the best bituminous coal on the Coast, covering an area of about 200 square miles. At Comox, 50 miles further north, is another immense field 300 miles square and estimated to contain workable coal to the enormous extent of 16,000 000 tons per square mile. The growth in this great industry has gone on rapidly, for besides the local trade an immense export is made every year, principally to San Francisco, San Diego and San Pedro in California; also to Oregon, Washington, Alaska Hawaii and Russia.

Besides this bituminous coal, the only vein of anthracite on the Pacific Coast has been found on Queen Charlotte islands The collieries in operation last year were Nanaimo colliery of the New Vancouver Coal Mining, Land Co., Ltd., at Nanaimo; Wellington colliery, owned by Messrs. Dunsmuir & Sons and the Union Colliery Co., near Comox. The following table will give an idea of the output for the last eleven years:

YEAR	TONS.
1874	81,000
1875	110,000
1876	139,000
1877	154,000
1878	171,000
1879	241 000
1880	268 000
1881	228 000
1882	282 000
1883	213,000
1884	239,000
1885	265,000
1886	326 636
1887	413 360
1888	489 300
1889	579 830
1890	678,140
1891	1 029,097
1892	826,335
1893	978,294
1894	1,012 953
1895	939,654

During 1895, 651,295 tons were shipped to the California market, the total export of the collieries to foreign countries being 756,333 tons. The superior quality of Vancouver Island coal for steam purposes has been proved by experiments by the chief engineer of the U. S. Navy Yard at Mare Island, who found it far better than any of the coal mined in Washington, California or Oregon. The output of coal, will, during the present year, be greatly increased for the manufacture of coke is to be entered into on a large scale at the Union collieries. A market for this will be found among the smelters that the immense gold, silver and copper mining development has rendered necessary. At present a great deal of coke is imported into the province from Cardiff and from the United States, but the tests that have been made with Union coal show it to produce a highly desirable coke, and the Union Colliery Co. will have no difficulty in securing a market for their production. Besides the fact that coke is produced cheaply on the seaboard will give an impetus to mining for precious metals along the coast, the discoveries that have been made in the last few months giving promise of smelting operations being begun before long. The Union colliery coke ovens will have a capacity of 150 tons of coke per day, and as the ovens are close to the water the steamers can be loaded by a steam derrick direct from the ovens Another improvement that the Union colliery is putting in is a Luhrig coal washing machine capable of handling 600 tons a day. This will give a washed nut coal equal in value to the lump, for it has been found in Great Britain and Germany that the nut coal after being sized and washed gives better results for steam purposes than lump coal, besides being easier handled.

The Nanaimo colliery has a plant valued at $350,000; has 11¼ miles of railway, five locomotives and 237 cars. Their wharves have 2,000 feet frontage at which ships of the largest size can load at all stages of the tide.

The Wellington collieries have a plant valued at $150,000; with five miles of railway, six locomotives, 250 cars and four wharves for loading vessels.

The Union colliery have a plant valued at $125 000, with 12 miles of railway, 150 cars, four locotomotives and two wharves.

The number of hands employed during 1895 was as follows:

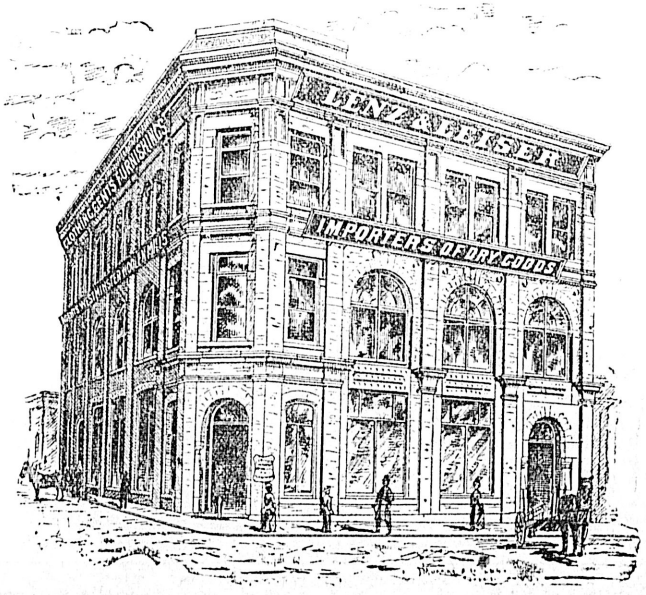
Nanaimo colliery	1,087
Wellington colliery	1,024
Union colliery	813
Total	2,924

Gore, Burnet & Co.,

Are land surveyors and civil engineers, with offices at room 1, Five Sisters block.

C. S. Finlaison.

Mr. C. S. Finlaison, shipping and customs broker, 57 Wharf street, has been established in his present business for some years, and is well known among shippers and importers.



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Wellington, the present terminus of the Island Railway and distant from Nanaimo about five miles, is a town whose present and prospective prosperity is almost altogether dependent upon the mines of which it is the centre, and which for the specially fine quality of their output are noted the world over. These include the Wellington, the East Wellington and the West Wellington, the former being the property of the well-known Dunsmuir company which has practically created the town by its enterprise, and still aids in every way possible its advancement.

The mines are practically limitless in extent and last year the Wellington colliery alone sent on the numerous steam and sailing vessels coming under the chutes to receive cargo upwards of 337,000 tons.

The Wellington mines are equipped with the most improved and scientific machinery, for the guaranteeing of the safety of the workmen and the expeditious mining of the black treasure, each of the shafts being supplied with its own ventilating apparatus, railways, etc., and each being in charge of a capable expert in whose hands nothing is left undone that could in any way contribute to the advantage of workmen or owners. Throughout the mines the pillar and stall system is generally adopted in the shafts, the Longworth plan being in vogue in the slopes

The town of Wellington is a well-ordered and busy little place, bearing many unmistakable signs of prosperity in the aspect of its streets, its homes, and its inhabitants. It is for its population considerably ahead of the times, boasting its own newspaper, enjoying the rights of an incorporated town, and taking a firm stand on every public question by which its rights or its interests are affected.

Walter Jones & Co.

One of the largest and best known of the business houses in the mining section of Vancouver, is that of Walter Jones & Co Five years ago this business was established and has been exceptionally successful. The salesroom is 60 x 30 feet in area, and storage room 60 x 30 feet splendidly arranged, and here is carried a full stock of staple and fancy groceries, provisions, boots and shoes, hats, caps, and dry goods. Mr. Jones has resided here for fourteen years Mr. Robert Kelly, his partner, is of the firm of Braid & Kelly, Vancouver, wholesale grocers. Mr. Jones manages the business.

Wellington Hotel.

Seven years ago this house was opened and has ever since been the favorite resort both with the travelling public and the people of Wellington. The hotel is a fine three-story structure, 80 x 50 feet in area, modern and complete in appointment. Besides the many large, well furnished bedrooms, there are spacious parlors, dining room, bar, billiard, etc. Only the best the markets afford is supplied at the tables, while the finest of imported wines, liquors and cigars are dispensed at the bar. Mr. G W. Kennedy, the proprietor, was born in "Old Virginie", and came west to British Columbia, settling first in Victoria. From there he removed to Nanaimo and opened the Central Hotel which he successfully conducted until six years ago, when he came to Wellington to take charge of the present house which his own popularity soon made the favorite hotel of Wellington.

C. R. Masters.

One of the largest business houses in this district, and the leading in its particular lines, is that of C R Masters, dealer in dry goods and gents' furnishings. This enterprise was inaugurated three years ago and has been exceptionally prosperous The main salesroom is 75x25 feet in area, splendidly appointed and heavily stocked The various departments include dry goods, men's furnishings, millinery, dress making and mantles, etc Ten experienced assistants are employed. The trade comes from all parts of the city and surrounding districts Mr. C R Masters was born in Nova Scotia, but has lived in the west some years.

Abbatsford Hotel.

This house was opened to the public one year ago and from the outset has enjoyed a large patronage from the travelling public. The building is a three story structure of handsome architectural proportions, and has a ground area of 40x84 feet. There are over forty large, bright, well furnished guest rooms, single and en suite. The dining room is a spacious apartment, splendidly decorated, while the tables always contain the choicest staples and delicacies. Every modern convenience is provided in the Abbotsford, including call bells, baths, etc. Mr. A J. McMurtrie is the popular proprietor of the Abbotsford hotel. Mr. McMurtrie was born in Scotland, but has resided in America for many years. He has resided in Wellington for fifteen years and was in the dry goods business before opening the Abbotsford.

Temperance House, (A. Wren.)

A very popular hotel is the Temperance House, Mr. A. Wren proprietor. Three years ago this house was opened, and from the outset has proven successful, owing to the splendid accommodations afforded. It contains twenty guest rooms, all of which are well furnished and bright. Mr. A. Wren has resided here for twenty years.

Bain and McKay.

This firm has been established two years. The main salesroom, 70x40 feet in area, is completely equipped and stocked with everything in the line of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes and general merchandise. All goods are purchased direct from the leading sources of supply. Messrs. John Bain and J L McKay are members of the firm. Mr. Bain was born in Guelph, Ontario, and came west some years ago. In 1891 he came to Wellington Mr. McKay was born in Bruce County, Ontario, and has resided here for seven years. He is at present mayor of the city.

Mattson and Rauma.

Two years ago this house was opened. The stock includes all kinds of staple and fancy groceries, dry goods, and, in short, everything in general merchandise. The premises are 60x40 feet in area and are well arranged. Messrs. Victor Mattson and John Rauma are the proprietors. Both were formerly employed by the new Vancouver Coal Company two years ago.

Cowan and Scogel.

The Wellington Cash Store, Messrs. Cowan & Scogel, proprietors, was opened ten months ago. The stock includes everything in the line of staple and fancy groceries, provisions, etc. Goods are delivered free to any part of the city. Messrs. Thomas Cowan and J D Scogel are the proprietors. Mr Cowan was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and has been here three years; while Mr. Scogel is a native of Owen Sound, Ontario, and has been in B. C. for five years.

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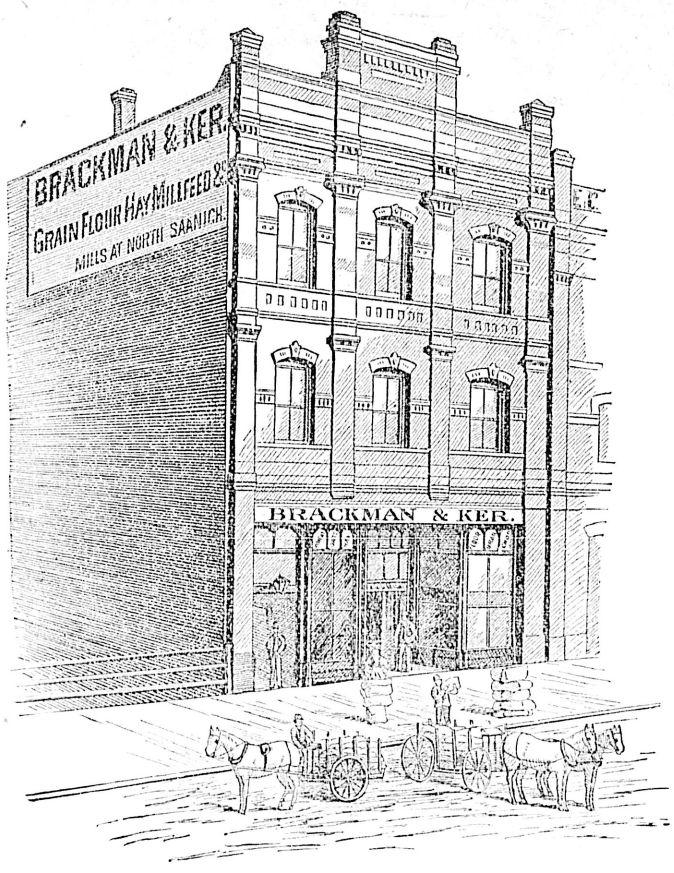

St Ann's Convent.

This Convent, the most celebrated in the West, was founded by the Sisters of St Anne, a Roman Catholic order which was first founded in Canada, near Montreal, but which now extends through Canada and United States. On April 14th, 1858 four sisters of St. Ann came to Victoria with the object of enlightening the then inhabitants of a new and undeveloped country, and located on South Park street, in a small log cabin. After various changes they located on View street, which buildings are still maintained as a Kindergarten and day school. The present convent was begun in 1871 and enlarged to its present proportions in 1881 The building is a massive four story stone structure 180 x 150 feet in area and with its beautifully kept grounds occupies almost an entire block. The building is thoroughly modern in every respect. On the first floor are the play rooms, music rooms, dining rooms and cooking department; on the second floors are the parlors, sewing and private rooms; on the third the library and school rooms; while the fourth is the dormitory. There are accommodations for sixty resident pupils as well as a large number of day pupils. The course of study is divided into five grades: Primary, Junior, Preparatory, Senior and Graduating, and comprises Christian Doctrine, Reading, Spelling, Elocution, Grammar, Rhetoric, English Literature, History, Geography, Algebra, German, Botany, Astronomy, Arithmetic, Book Keeping, Linear and Map drawing, Type-writing, Stenography, Geometry, French conversation compulsory for those who learn the language. Pupils are taken regardless of religious views and the terms of the college are very moderate. Besides the college there is a free school, a kindergarten, etc In 1876 the Sisters of St. Anne erected St. Joseph's Hospital, one of the best institutions of the kind in the province. Space forbids our entering into a discription of the work done, for charity, by the Sisters of St. Anne. To state it briefly, they have established free schools and orphanages in all parts of this province, as well as in Alaska where they have four schools and an hospital. In fact their life's labor is for the poor and benighted and whatever revenue comes to them from instructing the children of the rich, it goes to help feed and uplift the friendless and the poor. Sister Mary Anne is Mother Superior of the convent.

Victoria College of Music.

Victoria can boast educational facilities of a most superior order, in all branches. In the musical line she is especially favored and the leading institution is the Victoria College of Music, Mr. Geo. Bradley, principal located at 6 Douglas street. In 1893 this college was founded by Mr. Alfred Buck and successfully conducted by him until the middle of 1895, when Mr. Bradley succeeded. The various branches taught include piano, 'cello, violin, singing, etc, and the instructions in these are all of the fullest efficiency Mr. Bradley is a follow of the Victoria College of Music, London, England, and therefore holds the highest musical qualifications in the province and his college here is the local center for that celebrated institution. Pupils may obtain certificates or diplomas here. The next examinations are on April 3rd and already a large number of candidates are entered for same. Mr. Bradley has resided here for fifteen months. He is a native of England and passed examinations at Trinity College, London, one of the most famous musical institutions of that city. He has twenty years experience as a teacher in all branches of his profession and we are safe in saying, is without an equal, in his lines, in the province.

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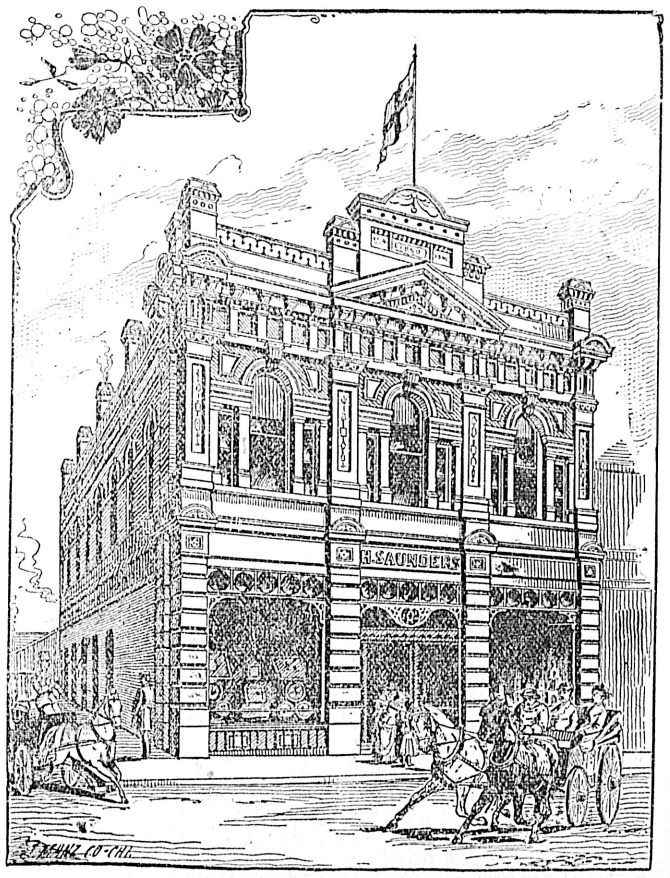
This business was founded some years ago in Vancouver, the present company being formed in 1894, when the Victoria branch was added to the business. The local branch is located at 71 David street, corner of Gorge road and David street and comprises a two story building, equipped with all the appliances necessary for the most successful prosecution of the business. The Vancouver house is even larger than that here. The list of production includes, mineral waters and carbonated beverages of every description. The house are also sole agents for the celebrated St. Alice Water, taken from Harrison Hot Springs, B C, and they handle large quantities of the same. This concern has built up a large business, extending throughout B C The officers of the company are Mr. Wm. Boyce, president. Mr W. Mc Hutchison, secretary and Mr. F. H. Price, vice-president. Mr. Boyce manages the Victoria branch. He is a native of Scotland and has been in British Columbia ten years. Mr. Hutchison manages the Vancouver house. He is also a native of Scotland Mr. Price is one of the proprietors of the Lakeside Hotel, Cowichan Lake, B. C, and gives his attention to the management of that celebrated hostelrie.

Peter Hanson.

Mr. Peter Hansen has held the contract for scavenging Victoria for the past ten years. For this purpose he operates two night and and seven day carts, employing quite a large force in connection. He takes the truck to the foot of Chatham street, where it is loaded on scows provided for the purpose, and is then taken out and dumped in the ocean. Mr. Hanson also does considerable teaming, maintaining several trucks and drays for the purpose He also deals in wood quite extensively, operating large wood yards on Discovery street. Mr. Peter Hanson was borne in Vordingburg, Denmark, and has been in this country since 1886 He was for some years in the Danish Navy and is by trade a seaman. He owns considerable real estate, also farm lands.



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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

Pursuant to the Provisions of the Creditors Trust Deeds Act, 1890, and Amending Act.

Notice is hereby given that Clotilde Ordano, of Cowichan Wharf, British Columbia, and Antoinette Frumento, wife of Pascal Frumento, of Cowichan, aforesaid have by deed dated and executed by them respectively, on the 17th day of March, 1896, granted and assigned to Percy Wollaston, the younger, of Victoria, British Columbia, Accountant, all their personal estate, credits, and effects which may be seized and sold under execution and all their real estate for the purpose of paying and satisfying rateably and proportionately and without preference or priority all their creditors their just debts. The said deed was executed by the said Clotilde Ordano, Antoinette Frumento and Percy Wollaston, the younger, respectfully, on the said 17th day of March, 1896.

All persons having claims against the assignors are required to forward full particulars thereof, duly verified to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of April next, and all persons indebted to the assignors are also required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith before the last mentioned date.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 18th day of March, 1896.

mr19 PERCY WOLLASTON, JR.

NOTICE.

To : Whom : it : May : Concern

All persons are hereby notified that under and by virtue of the powers contained in a Bill of Sale by way of Chattel Mortgage, dated the 7th day of September, 1895, made between Edward Baines and Kate Wilson of the one part and myself of the other part, I have this day seized and now hold possession of all the machinery, plant, engines, goods, chattels and personal property included in said Bill of Sale, which are now situate upon the premises in Pembroke Street, in the City of Victoria, and known as the Victoria Iron Works, default having been made by the said Baines and Wilson in certain of the payments provided for in said Bill of Sale.

Mr. E. E. Billinghurst is my bailiff in possession.

Dated this 18th day of February, A.D. 1896.

fe19 W. S. CHAMBERS.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate of Certificate of Title to Lots 89 and 172, in Group One Kootenay District.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date hereof to issue a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title of The Revelstoke Mining Company to the above lands, dated the 11th May, 1891, and numbered 11,929A.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., March 11th, 1896.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
mr11 Deputy Registrar-General of Titles.

NOTICE—The partnership heretofore existing between George Alexander Keefer and Henry Badeley Smith, under the firm name of Keefer & Smith, Civil and Hydraulic Engineers, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

All liabilities incurred by the firm will be discharged by G. A. Keefer.

GEORGE ALEXANDER KEEFER.
HENRY BADELEY SMITH.
Victoria, B.C., March 31st, 1896. mr31-3t

MORTGAGE SALE—Under power of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage, dated 26th October, 1892, registered in the Victoria Land Registry Office, in Charge Book, vol. 11, fol. 527, No. 13732B, tenders will be received by the undersigned at his office, 6 Bastion Square, City of Victoria, B C., up to noon of the 2nd day of April next, for the purchase of that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Kamloops Division of Yale District, said to contain 320 acres more or less, and numbered Lots 777, Group 1, on the official plan or survey of the said Kamloops Division of Yale District, in the province of British Columbia. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Arthur Robertson. Dated at Victoria, 20th March, 1896. mr21-10t

NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made in payment of an assessment levied by the Phillips Arm Quartz Mining Company upon the interest of Mr J. P. Lawson therein, the interest of the said J. P. Lawson or so much thereof as will satisfy the said assessment as well as the costs and charges occasioned by such default, will be sold by public auction by Mr. W. H. Hooper, at his rooms, Granville street, Vancouver, B.C., on Monday, the 23rd day of March, 1896, at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

The above sale is further adjourned to Monday, the 30th March, at same time and place.

[Signed.] H. RHODES,
Manager of the Phillips Arm Quartz
ja5-td Mining Company.

NOTICE.

COURTS of Assize and Nisi Prius, and of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, will be holden at the places and on the dates following, viz:—

Town of Nelson, on Monday, the 15th day of June, 1896.

Town of Donald, on Monday, the 22nd day June, 1896.

By Command.
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary
Provincial Secretary's Office,
13th March, 1895. mr20-1m

Notice to East Coast Settlers.

On and after March 31st, instant, the undersigned will close out his entire Commission Business, and on or before April 15th, 1896, all outstanding accounts must be settled, or they will be placed in the hands of a solicitor for collection. All parties having accounts against the undersigned are requested to present them at once.

JOHN WILSON,
Nanaimo, March 20th, 1896. SS. Joan.
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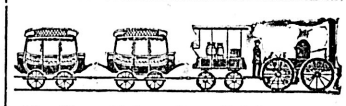

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NOTICE.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Southern Railway Company will take place at the Office of the Company, 45 Fort street, Victoria, B. C., on Saturday, the 2nd day of May next, 1896, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

Dated this 16th March, 1896.

J. A. GEMMILL,
mr24 Secretary.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION—Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Frank Greaves Norris and Richard Jackson, of Sidney, Vancouver Island, Hotelkeepers, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the late firm will be continued by the said Frank Greaves Norris, who assumes all liabilities and to whom all debts due must be paid. Dated this 12th day of March, 1896. (Signed.) Frank Greaves Norris, Richard Jackson. Witness: James J. White. mr15-1m

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next Session, for an Act to incorporate "The Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada," for the purpose of doing a general life insurance business.

F. H. CHRYSLER,
For Applicants.
Ottawa, December 11th, 1895. de19-9t-ouw

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ing the British Columbia coast catch, 6,281 coming from the Copper Islands, and 35,918 standing for the Behring sea. This year promises to be even more profitable and satisfactory for all concerned, the regulations governing the prosecution of the seal hunting being now less vexatious to those engaged in the industry than for many years.

Of the lumbering, manufacturing, forwarding and other industries entering largely into the prosperity of the city mention will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Victoria enjoys the reputation of being the healthiest city in Canada, with a death rate of but seven to the thousand of population, and the most fortunate in the lightness of its fire losses, which have amounted in the aggregate to but $241,915 for the nine years during which Chief Deasy has had command of the fire department, or an average of $26,879 per annum on which there is always a margin of over insurance. The financial stability of Victoria's business houses is another source of justifiable local pride, while the enterprise of these same solid houses, like the scenic charms of the city, speaks eloquently in its own behalf.

T. J. Jones, L.D.S., Surgeon Dentist.

Among the various exponents of the science of dentistry in Victoria there are none more highly esteemed for their professional attainments than Mr. T. J. Jones, L.D.S., in the British Columbia Bank Building. Mr. Jones was borne in Toronto, where he gained his professional education. From there he removed to New York State, and afterwards came to Canada and practiced at Bowmanville and St. Catherine for twenty-three years, and in 1883 he came to Victoria, and establishing an office, his skill and experience has won a large patronage. His operating room is perfectly equipped, being provided with every modern appliance and device known to the science. He is prepared to execute the most delicate work and practices his profession in all its branches. He has built up a large patronage, numbering among his patrons many of our best people. Mr. Jones has also various other interests, and is an enterprising, public-spirited citizen.

Dr. A. C. West.

Among our representatives of the profession of dential surgery is Dr. A. C. West, in the Adelphi building, corner Government and Yates streets. Dr. West came here twelve years ago and has since built up quite a large patronage. His office is well appointed, while in his operating rooms will be found every modern appliance and device known to the science of dentistry. Dr. West practices dentistry in all its branches and makes a specialty of fitting the celebrated Chase Metallic Roof-Plate. Dr. West is well and favorable known in this community and his patronage is a large and influential one.

Dr. S G. Clemence.

A most worthy exponent of the science of dentistry in Victoria is Dr. S. G. Clemence, at 98 Yates street. Dr. Clemence was born in Toronto, Ont., and in 1893 was graduated from the Chicago College of Dential Surgery. Two years ago Dr. Clemence came to Victoria, at once beginning to practice. He is prepared to practice all branches of his profession and has equipped an operating room with every modern appliance and device known to the science of dentistry. Dr. Clemence is a young man, thoroughly expert in every branch of his profession and his reputation for fine workmanship has already attracted a large patronage. He is well known and esteemed in professional circles.

Dr. A. A. Humber.

Few exponents of the science of dentistry bring such high qualifications to bear on its practice as Dr. A. A. Humber, at 93½ Douglas street. He is a graduate of the Philadelphia dental college, and although he has pursued the profession only two years, has built up a large and influential patronage. He practices all branches of dentistry, and has at his command the latest improved appliances and devices known to the profession. Dr. Humber is a young man, and is a native of this city. He is deserving of his splendid success, and is highly esteemed in this community for his industry and professional attainments.

Dr. H. P. Moody.

Prominent among those engaged in the practice of dentistry in Victoria is Dr. H. P. Moody, whose well appointed office is at 76 Yates street. Dr. Moody was born and raised in this city, and is one of our best known young men. In 1894 he was graduated from the Philadelphia college of dentistry, and after practicing a short while in Newburg, N. Y., came here some eighteen months ago. He practices dentistry in all its branches, and his operating room is provided with all the appliances and devices known to the science. He has already built up a large practice, and is highly regarded by a large circle of friends and patrons.

Dr. Lewis Hall.

Among the most worthy exponents of the science of dentistry in Victoria, and a young man highly esteemed for his professional attainments, is Dr. Lewis Hall, corner of Yates and Douglas streets. Dr. Hall was born in Staffordshire, England. In 1862 he came to Ottowa, Canada, where he received his education. In 1888 he was graduated from the Philadelphia dental college, and after practicing his profession at Oakville, Ont., for a few months, Dr. Hall came to Victoria, and eight years ago opened an office in this city. Dr. Hall's operating rooms are provided with all the appliances and devices known to dental surgery. He practices the profession in all its branches, making a specialty of porcelain work, in which he is especially skillful. Dr. Hall has built up a large and representative patronage, and stands among the foremost in the profession.

A. & W. Wilson.

This representative business was founded in 1864. The premises occupied at 11-13 Broad street, comprise three floors, each 30x100 feet in area. The salesroom is replete with a full line of gas fixtures and plumbing material, including portable glass shades, paper and tin shades, gas reading lamps, wax sapers and holders, fancy and plain wash basins, bath tubs, etc. The best styles of cooking and heating stoves and ships' ranges are kept in stock. Gas fitting and plumbing in all its branches is carried on, also bell-hanging and tin-smithing. The firm is composed of Messrs. A. & W. Wilson, who are brothers.

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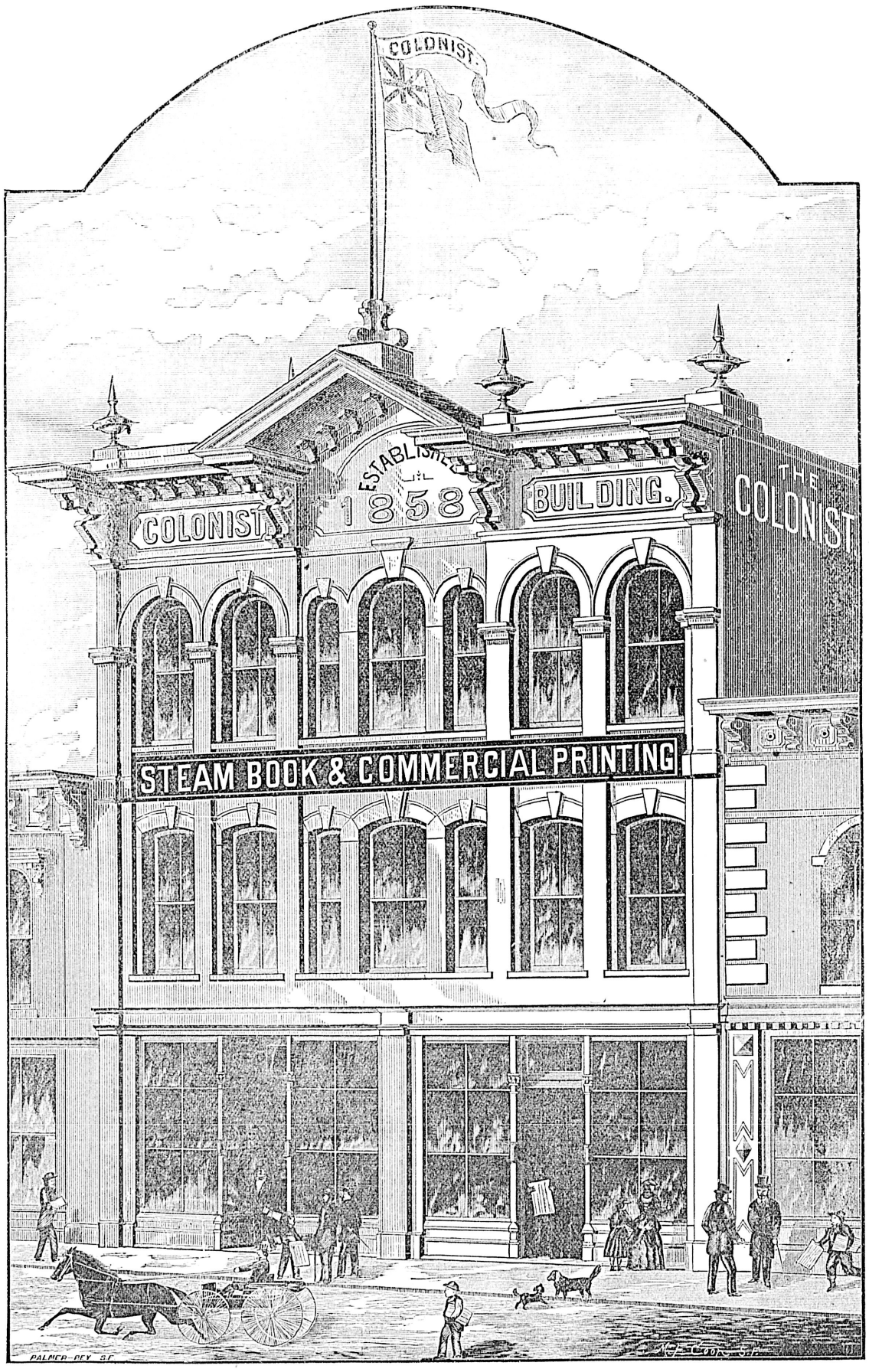

From small beginnings THE COLONIST newspaper has grown with the progress of Victoria and British Columbia, always active and vigorous, and taking its place in the march of improvement. What a difference may be noted in comparing the present eight-page daily, printed by modern steam presses, with the four-page, dingy little paper which made its appearance thirty-seven years ago! It was on December 11, 1858, that THE COLONIST was first published, first as a weekly, then a semi-weekly, and the next year as a tri-weekly. It was started by Hon. Amos DeCosmos, who directed his energies to oppose the Hudson's Bay company, whose influence was at that time paramount in Vancouver Island. THE COLONIST, young as it was, soon made its mark, and quickly attained the leading position which it has always since retained. Mr. DeCosmos conducted the paper with marked ability, his vigorous style abounding in bitter personalities, which seemed to suit the public of those days, and from the start the paper began to pay. It sold at first for 25 cents a copy The birthplace of THE COLONIST was a little ramshackle shack on the east side of Wharf street between Bastion and Yates streets. The building was a striking contrast to the fine four-story brick structure in which THE COLONIST now finds a home on Government street. The walls and roof were not even weather-proof, for the place "leaked like a sieve," as one old-time resident puts it. The next move was to the building on Government street beside the present Bank of Montreal. Then another move was made to the building next the post office at present occupied by Hall & Goepel, and finally, in 1882, Mr. Higgins, then the proprietor of the paper, built the spacious four-story brick building in which THE COLONIST has ever since been printed. The first press from which THE COLONIST issued was a little old French hand press, which had been imported from France by Bishop Demers, who had intended to publish a paper in French. The type with accents over letters, was ill-suited to being used for a publication in the English language, so the compositors had to "cut the horns off," as they called it; that is, they had to chip away the accents on the type.

It may be noted that the first pressman of THE COLONIST, James Murray, is still alive, old and worn out by age and infirmity; he is now an inmate of St. Joseph's hospital. Murray, a short time previous to THE COLONIST entering the field, started a little paper—the Gazette—but it did not survive long, and Murray joined THE COLONIST as pressman, a position he retained for nearly thirty years. In 1860 THE COLONIST was changed from a triweekly to a five-days-a-week publication, and since the succeeding year has been published six days a week. The times have changed greatly since THE COLONIST first entered on the journalistic field. Then communication with the outer world was very slow, news came from San Francisco by boat, and people did not expect, as they do to-day, to have the very latest events transpiring all over the world dished up fresh in the morning newspaper with their breakfast.

In 1866 Hon. D. W. Higgins, now speaker of the Legislative Assembly, purchased THE COLONIST from Mr. DeCosmos. Mr. Higgins, after spending a couple of years in exploring and prospecting in the interior, came to Victoria in 1870 and joined THE COLONIST as reporter. He was the first reporter in the Assembly. In 1862 he in company with Mr. J. E. Macmillan, now sheriff of Victoria, started the Chronicle newspaper. Mr. Macmillan afterwards retired and Mr. Higgins in 1866 purchased THE COLONIST from Mr. DeCosmos and amalgamated the Chronicle with it under the name of the "Colonist and Chronicle." In a year or two, however, the name was changed back to THE COLONIST. Forty or fifty local papers have risen and died since THE COLONIST came into existence, but through it all the sturdy pioneer paper has steadily advanced and gained strength.

In 1861 a paper called the Daily Press was started in opposition to THE COLONIST by Mr. John Jessop, the late Leonard Maclure and one or two others. About March of that year THE COLONIST was running the newly started Press very hard. The proprietors of the latter sheet were without funds and had to publish on any kind of wrapping paper that could be had at a cheap rate. In those primitive days the Vancouver Island Assembly sat at a long table, the speaker, Hon. J. S. Helmcken at the top, the members at the sides and the press at the bottom. At this particular sitting Mr. Higgins was reporting for the COLONIST, and Mr. Jessop for the Daily Press. The Legislature having got through business early one afternoon were about to adjourn for the day when the Speaker remarked that as the representatives of both papers were present the House might as well give out a job of printing. The manuscript of a lengthy bill was accordingly sent from the upper end of the table down to the reporters end for them to give an estimate of the price for which they would print the bill. This proceeding produced the utmost consternation in Mr. Jessop's mind, for he knew absolutely nothing about the tendering for such a job. He concluded however, that it would not answer to show the white feather in the face of the enemy and watched with fearful forebodings of disaster the movements of his opponent. Mr. Higgins made his calculations, wrote down his price and passed it up to the Speaker. The Press man turned over the manuscript when it came to him, mechanically without getting a ghost of an idea of what the job was worth and then in pure desperation dashed a certain price upon a piece of paper and sent it in fear and trembling to the Speaker. The genial Speaker after glancing at both tenders burst into a hearty laugh, while Mr. Jessop's heart sank into his boots with fear that he had most rediculously "put his foot into it". Judge of his elevated feelings therefore when the Speaker announced that "those fellows have tied each other". In such a case what was to be done. A happy thought struck the Speaker. "I'll tell you," he said, "We'll make them draw cuts." Accordingly from a convenient broom the Speaker selected a long and a short straw and held them for the reporters to draw. The Press got the long straw and the job, on the profits of which subscribers to that journal got their daily on proper paper for several weeks subsequently.

Hon. Mr. Higgins very ably directed the destinies of the COLONIST from 1866, to 1886, always making improvements and keeping abreast of the times. The COLONIST as became the first daily paper in the province, was the first to use a steam printing press, and the first to introduce color and lithographing printing in British Columbia. This was done while Mr. Higgins was proprietor. The late Hon. John Robson, afterwards Premier of the province, was editor from 1869 to 1874, and then Mr. Higgins himself took the editorial chair as well as the general management upon his shoulders and continued to do so for twelve years.

In October, 1886, THE COLONIST was purchased from Mr. Higgins by Ellis & Co., composed of Mr. W. H. Ellis, the present managing director, and Mr. A. G. Sargison, the present secretary. They still further developed the newspaper, and the extensive job and lithographing and salmon label departments, which are equal in perfection of equipment to any establishment in the country, and far superior to any other in the province. In 1892 the present joint stock company was formed, under the title of "The Colonist Printing and Publishing Company, Limited Liability."

From very small beginnings THE COLONIST has risen to an establishment employing, in its various departments, between fifty and sixty hands. The editorial work has always been vigorous and capable. No effort has been spared to give the public a thoroughly good, clean daily paper, well up with the times. Though taking a vigorous and firm stand in the discussion of questions of public interest, personalities and sensationalism are avoided, and THE COLONIST is in every sense a fine type of the best class of modern journalism.

In addition to the daily there is a semi-weekly edition published, that being found more convenient to out-of-town subscribers than the former weekly.

In addition to its job printing, lithographing, salmon label printing, embossing and other departments, THE COLONIST last year added a book-bindery, purchasing the well known establishment of R. T. Williams on Broad street, where that branch is still carried on.

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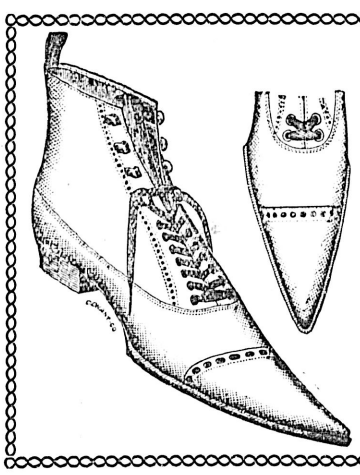

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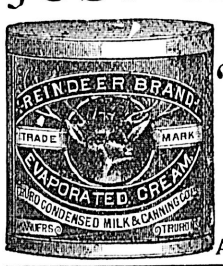

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NATURAL History Society trawling expedition. Members are notified that SS. Mischief will start from Sinclair's wharf, James Bay, on Easter Monday at 10 a.m., returning at 5 p.m. ap5-1t.

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AMATEUR theatricals, in aid of the Sunday School fund; Christ Church Cathedral schoolroom Tuesday, 7th of April, under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, the Lord Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin. Doors open at half-past seven, performance beginning at eight. Admission 25 cts, reserved seats 50 cts. ap5-1t

DON'T forget the grand Orange ball at A. O. U. W. hall to-morrow evening. Richardson's orchestra will be in attendance, and all arrangements guarantee a delightful evening.

THE PRIMROSE BALL will be held in A. O. U. W. hall on Monday evening, April 20th. Richardson's orchestra will provide the music, and some elegant prizes will be given for the best minuet couple as well as the "Primrose lancers." Tickets, $1.00 per couple; 50c extra lady. ap5-1t

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MINING SHARES.—The holidays make it impossible to quote anything very definite this morning. But we have still 3,000 O.K's at 24½ and 2,000 Josie's at 47½, subject however to the following reservations. We had the option on 10,000 O.K's at the above price up to yesterday noon. We only sold 6,000 and do not know whether they are still unsold or not. We had an option of 5,000 Josie's likewise. We will know certain at 10:30 to-morrow, Monday. Phœnix's have advanced to 11 cents. Poorman & St. Elmo's have also advanced. We have a parcel of 5,000 War Eagle's which must all be sold either in single thousands or in one lot on Monday. We believe $1.57½ would buy them as holder is in difficulties and must realize. This is the greatest bargain that has ever been offered. They are worth $2 per share. Pro Bono Publico was quite right; our quotations are always lower than others, but they are correct. H. CUTHBERT & CO'Y. ap5

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Concert and Tableaux in the evening by the Ladies of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Admission 50 cents. ap5-1t

Public Auction.

I will sell at public auction the undermentioned goods and chattels under a warrant of distress for rent, on the premises known as the Poodle Dog Restaurant, on Wednesday, the 8th day of April, 18.6, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon: One good piano, 11 bedroom sets, carpets, stoves, chairs, refrigerators, crockery, cooking utensils, pictures, table cutlery, table ware, bedding mattresses, fire proof safe, bar, and back bar. Many other articles of furniture and fittings. Terms cash.

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DERVISHES ADVANCING

The Situation in Africa Regarded in England as Most Serious.

Scope of the Soudan Expedition Believed to Be Widening—The Force Inadequate.

Osman Digna Moving Forward With a Large Force—Results of Recent Fights.

LONDON, April 4.—All official and semi-official statements to the contrary notwithstanding, it is generally admitted that the situation in South Africa is unsatisfactory. Even the reassuring statement made by the secretary of state for the colonies, Rt. Hon. Mr. Chamberlain, has not changed the public opinion on the subject, and today he is openly accused of trifling with the situation and with pretending that the scanty resources there are able to cope with the rebellion of the Matabeles and its possible outcomes. It seems beyond doubt that Buluwayo and Gwelo are the only two stations in Matabeleland which are in a defensible condition, and there is strong possibility that communication with these towns will soon be entirely cut off.

Mr. Chamberlain's disinclination to have strong reinforcements of British troops sent to South Africa is said to arise from his reluctance to do anything which may give color to the French and German charge that the real object of sending reinforcements to South Africa is to coerce the Boers. Then, again, the scope of the Soudan expedition appears to be widening, and there is considerable fear in many quarters that the government does not realize the extent of the undertaking. Experts in Dervish warfare say the Anglo-Egyptian force is inadequate to cope with the situation, and there is acute danger that communication with the advance guard of the Egyptian troops will be cut off, and that the latter will be annihilated before it is possible for the support of the British troops to arrive.

It is urged that reinforcements of at least 10,000 troops should be promptly sent to Africa from India alone, and it is pointed out that according to reliable information the Khalifa's forces are pouring from the Dongola district with the evident intention of getting behind the advancing forces. Should the march be continued and troops from India be promptly landed at Suakim they would break up Osman Digna's force and threaten the rear of the dervishes.

Advices received at Massowah from the front announces that 5,000 Dervishes attacked an Italian native battalion on the morning of April 2, at Mount Moeran. Col. Stevani and his forces from Kasala went to the assistance of the battalion, surprised the enemy and drove the latter back. The Dervishes were reinforced by several detachments from Tucruf and returned to the attack, but were again repulsed. In an engagement which lasted four hours the Italians lost 100 killed and wounded. The dervishes suffered heavily in killed and wounded, and in addition many of their number were taken prisoners.

Osman Digna, at the head of a large force of dervishes, has arrived at the Harasal hills, near Suakim. The friendly Arabs are entrenched at Erkoweit, barring the advance of the dervishes upon this place.

ROYALTY AND SOCIETY.

Arrangements for the Marriage of Princess Maude—Easter Celebrations of Prominent People.

LONDON, April 4.—The Duke and Duchess of York and the Princess of Wales and her daughters are spending holidays in the peace and quiet of Sandringham, while the Prince of Wales is on board his yacht on the Mediterranean. The Queen is still at Cimiez near Niece. The Conservative leader of the House of Commons, Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, is visiting his former secretary, Percy Wyndham, and the Duke of Devonshire, lord president of the council, with the Duchess, is in Spain. Mr. Chamberlain is Easthering with his American wife at his home in Birmingham. U. S. Ambassador Bayard is visiting Lord and Lady Middleton near Malden, Yorkshire, and Mr. James R. Roosefelt, secretary of the U. S. embassy, is visiting Lord Galway at Serlby hall, Nottingham. The Duke and Duchess of Westminster are entertaining a large house party at Eaton hall near Chester, and the Earl and Countess of Derby, the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne and the Duke and Duchess of Richmond have also a large number of guests for the Easter holidays.

It has been definitely arranged that the marriage of the Princess Maud of Wales, to Prince Charles of Denmark, will take place in the Chapel Royal, St. James Palace, on July 7. The Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishops of London and Winchester, will officiate. There will be a procession in state from Buckingham Palace to the St. James Palace and the Chapel Royal. As the distance between the two palaces is very short, many thousands of people must be disappointed in the hope of witnessing the pageant. However, everything possible will be done to give Her Majesty's subjects as good a view as possible of the pageant. The Queen will take part in the ceremony. The streets and park and mall adjoining the palaces will be held by the Horse Guards, Life Guards, Grenadier Guards, Scots Guards, Coldstream Guards, and other crack regiments, and, weather permitting, there will be a gathering of Londoners about the palaces such as is seldom seen now-a-days. After the wedding there will be two breakfasts at Buckingham Palace, one for the members of royal families in the state dining room, the other in the state ball room for general company. Only near relatives and their families are coming to London from the continent for the occasion. The royal breakfast will therefore be quite a family affair and a most enjoyable one at that.

Princess "Harry," as Maud is popularly known, will have eight bridesmaids, her sister Princess Victoria of Wales, the Princesses Ingeborg and Thyra of Denmark, sisters of the groom; Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Princess Alice of Albany, and Princesses Ella and Victoria of Battenberg. The Princess of Wales has taken Appleton House, on the Sandringham estate, for the Princess Maud and her husband. The young couple will spend four months there every year, according to the present programme.

SCHOOLS IN ENGLAND.

Much Parliamentary Warfare Likely to Be Caused by the Government Bill.

Its Religious Clauses Fail to Meet the Approval of Cardinal Vaughn.

LONDON, April 4.—The Education bill introduced in the House of Commons by Sir John E. Gorst, Conservative, vice-president of the council, is a broader measure than had been expected, and promises to cause much parliamentary warfare. It provides for the establishment of an educational department in every county and borough, to be under the control of the county councils, and to administer the parliamentary grants. The Radicals denounce the bill as being revolutionary and destructive of the board schools, but, as the school board system has proved much more costly to the ratepayers than originally anticipated, it may be doubted whether the public will be aroused greatly on either side.

The chief fighting will rage over the religious clauses providing that parents may withdraw their children from religious instruction altogether, or that a reasonable number of parents so desirous may claim special religious instruction. This clause is specially aimed to satisfy the Catholics, who are debarred from any state assistance for their schools. The Catholics contend that the bill fails to meet the demands of Cardinal Vaughn and the Duke of Norfolk, on behalf of the Catholic elementary schools.

On the other hand the Tablet, the organ of the Catholics, congratulates the government on the introduction of a "bold, comprehensive bill which will do much to repair the injustice to Catholics of the board system." The bill will be discussed by the Catholic hierarchy at Cardinal Vaughn's residence after the annual conference. The Catholic league has elected a special parliamentary committee to report on the bill. The Speaker, on behalf of the Liberals, declares that the measure must be resisted to the utmost.

Miss May Howard, the famous spiritualist and mind-reader, has engaged the Victoria Theatre for to-night and will give one of her wonderful entertainments, Miss Howard has the best of press notices. The Galveston News devotes half a column to her performances in that city. "There was a fine audience at Tremont opera house last night to witness the second performance of Miss May Howard, the spiritualist, theosophist or whatever else one may choose to call her. The non-believers, those not spiritualists, left the hall perfectly satisfied with their evening's entertainment and feeling that they had witnessed a splendid exhibition of legerdemain, while those who are spiritualists were very happy to think that so able an exponent of their cause as Miss Howard had visited Galveston. On the whole, everybody was satisfied." Miss Howard will give an entire new line of spirit manifestations never before given by any other medium outside of herself. Full form scene on open stage in full gas light. x

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Mowat Invited by Laurier to Take the Lead—C. P. R. Run Off.

The Opposition Obstruct the Remedial Bill—No Progress Made the Entire Sitting.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, April 4.—Organized labor in Canada gained a great victory yesterday by securing the recognition by government of the principle of the eight hours day, and a definite promise that it would be adopted in the government workshops here and the printing bureau as an experiment, and without any reduction of pay. As, without doubt, when once established it will always remain in existence; it is claimed that it will not be many years before a general eight hour law will be placed on the statute books. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir Charles Tupper, Sir A. F. Caron, and Hon. Messrs. Ouimet, Prior, Wood and other ministers received a delegation which included representative workingmen from the leading cities. They asked that the system be given a fair trial by the government, so that if successful a general law might follow. Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Sir Charles Tupper made sympathetic speeches and announced that the request would be acceded to. The decision was hailed with prolonged cheering.

There was quietness around the buildings yesterday prior to the expected stiff fight on the government proposal to take Wednesdays.

The Canada Gazette contains the list of places dangerous to navigation recently reported by Capt. Walbran.

A tactical move is under consideration by the Liberals. A fortnight ago Mr. Tarte inadvertently announced that Sir Oliver Mowat would take part in the coming federal fight. This seems to be true as Mr. Laurier went to Toronto to see him yesterday. In parliamentary circles it is said Mr. Laurier has offered to resign the leadership in favor of Sir Oliver.

The C.P.R. express had a run off near Perth this morning. Two mail clerks were injured. Great fears were entertained here for Hon. Mr. Laurier's safety but it was found he had gone to Montreal by the Grand Trunk.

Only about half the membership of the house was in attendance to-day. The talk centred on the first sub-section of clause 4 of the remedial bill, and again obstruction manifested itself. Messrs. McCarthy, Mulock, Casey and Edgar were the chief offenders, and they tried to clothe their conduct with an appearance of sincerity by arguing against the clause on the technical ground that parliament was exceeding its jurisdiction by passing this particular clause which defines the powers of the Catholic school board of education. Previous to the bill being taken up Edgar challenged the accuracy of the official record of Thursday, and on division the house proceeded to the orders of the day on a vote of 99 to 7.

Discussion on clause 4 was continued until midnight without the least progress being made.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

C.P.R. Train Wrecked.

PERTH, April 4.—The Canadian Pacific express which left Toronto for Montreal last night left the track about five miles west of here this morning, and all the coaches except two sleepers are in the ditch. Mail Clerk Hetherington and two passengers are injured, but not seriously. An investigation showed that the accident was due to the work of train wreckers, the fish plates and bolts having been removed from one of the joints.

Laurier in Toronto.

TORONTO, April 4.—Hon. Mr. Laurier arrived in town last night and is a guest at the St. James.

Twins on the Cars.

MONTREAL, April 4.—Mrs. Allan, of Montreal, left Toronto on Thursday evening by the C.P.R. express, and on her way home was delivered of twins, a boy and a girl. A doctor was taken on board at Peterboro and attended the mother and children. As the lady was travelling in the sleeping-car Winchester the daughter will be called Winnie and the son Havelock.

Buried in a Well.

BRANTFORD, April 4.—A well-digger named Franklin Biers lost his life at Burford yesterday by a well caving in and burying him when he was nearly forty feet below. A party was working all night to recover the body.

Flour Mills Burned.

WELLANDPORT, April 4.—The flour mills here owned by Heslop Bros. were burned to-day. Loss $10,000; partly insured.

Thousands have tested the great building-up power of Hood's Sarsaparilla and have found renewed strength, vigor and vitality in its use.

THAT DREAD DEMON.

Heart Disease Again Vanquished—Testimony from a Most Reliable Source—Relief in Fifty Minutes.

Mr. John Crow, son of George Crow, Esq., the wealthy and well known farmer, residing near Tara, Ont., sends the following statement, which he desires published:—"For the last ten years I have suffered from palpitation and enlargement of the heart, and during all that time I have doctored constantly, hoping in vain for a cure. Some time ago I saw a testimonial from a Tara citizen regarding Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, and decided to try it. At the time of writing I have used four bottles of the remedy, and never felt better in my life. If I am not already rid of the disease, I am positive this remedy will complete the cure." Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

Tinware, very cheap, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street. x

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A List of Prominent Business Men and Firms Described in To-day's "Colonist."

It Will Be Found a Useful Guide to Readers of This Paper.

For convenience in referring to the large number of wide-awake firms, manufacturers and business men presented in to-day's special edition of the COLONIST, the following index is presented to its readers. The list, in addition to Victoria, covers Nanaimo and Wellington.

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Domestic Bakery	7	2
Duck, S., & Co	7	5
Dickinson, L	8	3
Dean & Hiscocks	9	2
Dodds, Wm	9	2
Dalby & Claxton	9	5
Day, R. S	9	6
Davies, Joshua	10	3
Dun, R. G	14	6
Earle, Thos	3	6
Earsman, John, & Co	4	2
Excelsior Brewing Co	6	2
Erskine, Wall & Co	7	5
Elford & Smith	10	4
E. & N. Railway	23	2
Findlay, Durham & Brodie	4	1
Fell & Co	5	1
Freel, James	6	4
Falconer, J. H	6	6
Futcher, T. S	7	5
Freeman, H	8	1
Fletcher, T. W	8	2
Fullerton, John	8	4
Flint & Prossor	9	6
Finlaison, C. S	12	6
Goodacre, L	4	5
Godson, C. A	4	6
Gussfield, A	7	2
Golden Rule Bazaar	8	5
Garland, A	9	1
Graham, T. M	9	1
Gore, Burnet & Co	12	6
Globe Restaurant	14	6
Hudson's Bay Co	2	1
Hotel Victoria	2	3
Hickman-Tye Hardware Co., L.	4	1
Hamilton Powder Co	4	1
Hay, J. C	7	2
Hall & Co	7	6
Hart, John J. & Co	8	5
Hastie & Bannerman	8	5
Higginbottom, Robt	8	6
Hindustan Tea Agency	9	1
Hibben, T. N. & Co	9	1
Hardaker, Wm. T	9	2
Heisterman & Co	9	6
Hall, Goepel & Co	10	1
Harman, A. H. & Co	10	2
Hooper, Thos	10	6
Hanson, Peter	13	4
Humber, Dr. A. A	14	1
Hall, Dr. Lewis	14	1
Hayward, Charles	23	6
Hanna, W. J	23	6
Imperial Art Studio	7	1
Jackson, Geo. R	8	2
Johns Bros	8	4
Jaques, George	8	6
Jones, A. W. & Bridgman	10	3
Johnstone, Gideon T	10	3
Jardine, John	10	5
Jones, T. J	14	1
Keller, J. W	7	2
Knight, Geo. A	9	2
Leiser, Simon, & Co	3	5
Langley & Co	3	6
Lever Bros., Ltd	4	5
Lowenberg & Co	4	6
Lemon, Gonnason & Co	5	5
Leahy, J	6	5
Lilley, H. A	6	5
Lowe, Skene	7	1
Lange & Co	8	1
Lombard, C. A. & Co	8	2
Lewis, L	8	2
Lindsay, D	8	4
Lapierre, A	9	1
Lee & Fraser	10	2
Lettice, R	10	5
Lang, Wm	10	6
Mount Baker Hotel	2	3
Mitchell, James	3	5
Marvin, E. B. & Co	4	3
Marvin & Tilton	4	4
McMillen, R. H	5	1
Martin & Robertson	5	1
Morley, Chris	6	3
McKenzie, John	7	1
Meiss & Gold	7	2
McIntosh, J. D	7	2
Mansell, H	8	2
Maynard, R	8	5
Maynard, James	9	1
More, A. W. & Co	9	5
Mellor, J. W	10	5
Moody, Dr. H. P.	14	1
Nicholles & Renouf	3	6
Occidental Hotel	2	4
Original Gem Restaurant	2	4
Okell & Morris F. P. & C. Co., Ltd	5	4
Orr, J. T	8	3
Prior, E. G. & Co	3	3
Piercy, J. & Co	3	6
Pither & Leiser	4	2
Pearson, T B & Co	6	1
Point Ellice S. & P. Mills	6	1
Pendray, W. J	6	2
Pacific Sauce & V. Works	6	3
Porter, R. & Sons	7	6
Parker, John	7	6
People's Market	8	5
Pemberton & Son	9	5
Phillips, Joseph E	10	3
Quentin, Prof. Rene	2	5
Rithet, R. P. & Co., Ltd	3	2
Rattray & Hall	4	2
Raymond & Sons	6	4
Roarke, Thos	7	1
Roberts, R	7	1
Redfern, C. E	7	6
Rusta, Andrew	9	1
Shallcross, Macaulay & Co	4	2
Sayward Mill & L. Co., Ltd	5	3
Shawnigan Lake Lumber Co., Ltd	5	6
Stemler & Earle	6	2
Smith, M. R. & Co	6	4
Shaw, Thos	6	5
Spencer, D	7	4
Salmon, H. L	8	1
Stoddart, S. A	8	4
Salmon, E. J	8	6
Sauer, Joseph	9	1
Sheddan, Goward & Co	10	3
Sears, Joseph	10	5
St. Ann's Convent	13	3
Turner, Beeton & Co	3	1
Todd, J. H. & Son	4	6
Tolmie & Stewart	5	1
Thompson, Wm. & Co	8	6
Tiarks, John G	10	6
Thorpe, J. & Co., Ltd	13	4
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Victoria Transfer Co., Ltd	23	6
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Victoria Gas Co., Ltd	5	1
Victoria Roller Flour & Rice Mills	5	4
Victoria Chemical Co., Ltd	5	5
Victoria Planing Mills	5	6
Victoria House	7	6
Victoria Loan Office	8	6
Victoria Steam Laundry	9	2
Victoria College of Music	13	3
Victoria & Sidney Railway	23	5
Wilson Hotel	2	4
Willows	2	5
Ward, Robt. & Co., Ltd	3	4
White, L. & Co	5	1
Walker, T. W. & Co	6	6
Wilson, W. & Co	7	5
Waitt, M. W. & Co	7	5
Wrigleswortb, Jos	8	1
Williams, B. & Co	8	5
Williams, Ben	10	1
Warren, Capt. J. D	10	3
Wilson, W. Ridgway	10	4
Watson & McGregor	10	6
West, Dr. A. C	14	1
Wilson, A. & W	14	1
Young, Henry & Co	7	4

NANAIMO.

Barker & Potts	11	4
Booth, J	12	3
Bevelockway, Geo	12	4
City Market	11	5
Crescent Hotel	12	1
City Tea Co	12	3
Curry, Dr. W. J	12	4
Dobeson, T. & N. W	11	6
Dennison, W. B	11	6
Empire Brewery	12	4
Fletcher Bros	11	4
Gable, P. & Co	12	2
Good, H	12	3
Hilbert, John	12	1
Hirst, James	12	1
Hardy, Thos	12	3
Honeyman, John J	12	3
Kitchin, Thos	11	2
McKenzie, C. C	12	2
McMillen, J. H. & Co	12	4
New Vancouver Coal Co	11	1
Nanaimo-Equit. Pioneer Society, Ltd	12	1
Nanaimo Gas Co	12	1
Orr & Rendell	12	2
Pimbury, E. & Co	11	6
Quennell, Edward	11	4
Simpson & Simpson	11	3
Stevenson & Co	11	4
Stannard, J. S., & Co	12	1
Spencer's	12	1
Smart & Thorne	12	3
Shamrock Stables	12	4
The Wilson	11	6
Union Brewery, Ltd	11	3
Wolfe, Marcus	12	4
Whitfield, Geo	12	4
Yarwood & Young	11	4

WELLINGTON.

Abbotsford Hotel	13	1
Bain & McKay	13	1
Cowan & Scogell	13	2
Jones, Walker & Co	13	1
Masters, C. R	13	1
Mattson & Rauma	13	2
Temperance House	13	1
Wellington Mines	13	1
Wellington Hotel	13	1

THE NEST EGG MINE.

Excellent Reports of the Character of Ore and the Value of the Mine.

The Nest Egg mine is chiefly owned by Victorians, and as so much to its detriment has been circulated, the management have decided to publish the following letters in reference to it. The first is from Mr. Frank C. Loring, a mining engineer of repute well known in Victoria. The second is from Mr. George T. Crane, president and manager of the Josie Mining Co.

SPOKANE, WASH., April 1, 1896.

W. H. Ellis, Esq., Victoria, B.C.:

MY DEAR SIR:—At the request of John M. Burke, my partner, Mr. Crane, visited the Nest Egg mine last Sunday, and was very much pleased with its appearance. He wrote Mr. Burke his opinion of the mine, a copy of which I enclose. Mr. Crane's judgment concerning mines is excellent, and he and I will both be pleased at any time to recommend the property as a valuable prospect of great promise. We both of us deplore any misstatements made by designing parties injuring the value of this as a mining investment, and will at all times be ready to correct any such statements so far as our knowledge permits us.

Very respectfully,
FRANK C. LORING.

SPOKANE, WASH., APRIL 1st., '96.

Hon. J. M. Burke, Rossland, B.C.

MY DEAR SIR:—In obedience to your request, I visited on March 29th, the Nest Egg mine, Trail Creek mining district, lying about one mile south of Rossland. I found much snow upon the ground and therefore was unable to examine the outcrop to any extent. I found the No. 1 shaft full of water, but was able to see the outcrop above the shaft for a distance of 50 feet and found it strong, heavy in iron, with a width of about 8 or 10 feet. Upon the dump of the shaft is about 15 tons of pyritite ore, very heavy in iron, and of the same nature as all of the ore in camp. No. 2 shaft I found 30 feet deep, with two excellent walls, and showing in the bottom 3 feet of ore, an average sample of which assayed $27.00 gold; 4 3-10 per cent. copper.

Taking into consideration the position of the mine, its relation to other valuable properties, the strength of the outcrop so far as I could see, and the value and appearance of the ore upon the dump of No. 1 shaft and in No. 2 shaft, I take pleasure in stating that, in my opinion, the property has great value, and that it offers an excellent opportunity for mining investment. The mine is easy of access, being crossed by the grade of the Trail Creek railway, therefore the cost of transportation will be slight. All of the conditions are favorable for cheap extraction of ore.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) GEO. T. CRANE.

Letters from the superintendent of the Nest Egg mine, speak well of the showing as the work of sinking proceeds. It is believed by him and others that it will develop into one of the most valuable properties in the camp.

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HEAD

Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Drowning Accident at Vancouver—Shakespearean Plays at the Terminal City.

Nanaimo Rifle Association—Burglary—In and About the Inland Capital.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, April 4.—The city are calling for applications for a permanent physician at the hospital.

Frederick Warde played to empty orchestra stalls—Murray & Mack turned 200 people away—and still the public clamor for good shows. Mr. Warde gave, it is said, the best Shakspearian representation given here since his last appearance some years ago.

The four-year-old son of Mr. James Wilcox was drowned in the brewery dam at Mount Pleasant yesterday evening. The child was walking on a log over the dam when he slipped and fell into the water. The poor little fellow was in the water but a few minutes when he was pulled out by Mr. R. A. Townley, but he was already past human aid.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, April 4.—On the information of J. W. Galloway, an old man named William McTaggart was arraigned in the police court on Wednesday for supplying Jim Quoquitstun with liquor. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months' hard labor.

Messrs. Stevenson & Company have just completed the purchase of the entire stock in trade of Messrs. Sloan & Scott.

A window in David Taylor's second hand store on Commercial street was smashed on Wednesday night and five revolvers lying within easy reach were stolen. Three of these weapons are of the bulldog variety, and two others are self-extractors, one of the latter being a Smith & Weston.

The annual meeting of the Nanaimo Rifle Association was held on Wednesday night, when the following officers were elected: President, Jas. McGregor, M.P.P.; first vice-president, C. H. Barker; second vice-president, W. Wall; treasurer, R. Watson; secretary, W. W. B. McInnes; patrons, A. Haslam, M.P., and S. M. Robins; vice-patrons, Dr. Walkem, M.P.P., J. Bryden, M. P. P., and Mayor Davison. A committee was appointed to arrange an inter-city rifle contest at Nanaimo some time during the year, and for that purpose the city council will probably be asked to make a donation. Arrangements were also made for an opening match to be held on Saturday, the 11th instant, when teams captained by Dr. Walkem, M.P.P., and Jas. McGregor, M.P.P., will contend for supremacy. The association have just purchased what is perhaps the finest cup trophy on the island, which will be competed for throughout the year by members of the association only.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Sentinel.)

A private letter from Cariboo states that there are lots of men in the country, but they are hampered in their operations by not being able to get freights in fast enough from Ashcroft. The machinery has been got into Underwood's new dredger, and another dredge is to be launched shortly.

Hon. Chief Justice Davie paid quite a lengthy visit to the provincial home on Wednesday, renewing acquaintance with many old timers and also congratulating many old friends on their improved appearance and health. He was accompanied by his two sons and his brother-in-law, Rev. Father Yorke.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church gave a very successful farewell social in Raven's hall, on Tuesday evening in honor of their pastor, Mr. A. Lee, who has resigned his charge to accept a wider field of labor at Prince Albert, N.W.T. The hall was crowded with members and adherents of the church and other friends, who took this opportunity of bidding good-bye to one who has ever proved himself a strong advocate of the best interests of the city.

Mr. J. F. Smith, of the North Thompson, is down on one of his periodical trips. He is one of the owners and manager of the Tete Jeune mica mine and is at present in negotiation with Chicago parties with a view to bonding the property. Some time in July he will make a trip to the mine. In the meantime, however, Mr. Smith will spend the bulk of his time in the Industrial school, where he has been employed as instructor in the mechanical department.

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I. O. O. F. M. U.

TO THE EDITOR:—Some few months ago, I had occasion to write a letter for publication in the COLONIST, complaining of the illegal use by the Canadian Order of Oddfellows of the words Manchester Unity, which has misled many people who have joined that society, under the impression that it was a part of the great Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity. The following will show to the people of British Columbia the position the Canadian Order of Oddfellows holds with the Manchester Unity.

"Before the Hon. Chief Justice Meredith, Thursday the 27th day of February, 1896.

"Between the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows, plaintiffs and the Canadian Order of Oddfellows, J. A. McMurty, defendants.

"The action coming on this day to be heard before this court by way of motion for judgment in presence of counsel for plaintiffs and defendants, upon hearing read the writ of summons herein and the endorsements thereon, and upon hearing what was alleged by counsel aforesaid, and counsel aforesaid consenting thereto;

"This court doth order and adjudge that the defendants and each of them; their and each of their servants, workmen and agents, be and they are hereby perpetually restrained from using as part of the name of the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows, the words Manchester Unity.

"2. And the Court doth further order and adjudge that the defendants and each of them do forthwith deliver up to be cancelled, all books, papers, writings, circulars, documents, or literature, owned or issued by the defendants or either of them, bearing the name of Manchester Unity, as part of the name of the defendants, the Canadian Order of Oddfellows,' and that the same be forthwith deposited with one of the registrars of the Court, and by him destroyed.

"3. And the Court doth further order and adjudge that the defendants and each of them do account for all such books, papers, writings, documents, and literature, raised by them or either of them, or by any lodge or body under their jurisdiction.

"3. And the Court doth order and adjudge that the defendants pay to the plaintiffs their costs of this action between solicitor and client forthwith after taxation.

"A. F. McLEAN,
"Clerk of Court."
ROBERT N. FITTON,
Pro. Corres. Sec'y, I.O.O.F., M.U.
Victoria, April 2nd.

QUOTATIONS FOR MINING STOCK.

TO THE EDITOR:—Please allow us a few lines to explain to "Pro Bono Publico" in yesterday's Times so far as we are concerned the discrepancy that apparently exists in the prices quoted for mining stock. In some cases the treasury stock is several cents higher than that held by private holders, and in other cases the shares are quoted on letter advices, while ours are all telegraphic. We need hardly point out that it is not unusual for mining shares to almost double in a few hours, and that occasionally people who have large holdings find themselves in financial difficulties and are bound to sell at a few hours notice. To do that they will sell below others.

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The rapidity with which croup develops calls for instant treatment; and yet few householders are prepared for its visits. An admirable remedy for this disease is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It has saved hundreds of lives and should be in every home where there are young children.

Advertisements under the heads of Lost, Found, For Sale or To Let and Situations Wanted will be inserted at the rate of one cent a word each insertion. Payment always in advance. No advertisement received for less than twenty-five cents.

WANTS.

YOUNG Englishwoman desires situation as nurse; excellent references. Apply by letter to B.P., Colonist office. ap3-5t

WANTED—By young married couple, room and board in private family. Address "C," Box 318, city. ap2

WANTED—A large first-class safe. Send measurements and full particulars to X., Post Office Box S., Victoria. mr27-tf

COATMAKER WANTED for Leiser & Hamburger, Wellington. Apply to Simon Leiser, No. 1 Yates street, Victoria. mr20

WANTED—Furnished bedroom and sitting room, with use of kitchen, by lady with two children; James Bay preferred. Apply Box 48, City. mr8-tf

SITUATION WANTED—By young Ontario Solicitor, in law or mercantile office, in British Columbia; grad. 1881 Br. Am. Business Col., Toronto; six years bookkeeper in loan Co. office, and in law office; studied law 3 years in own and 2 years in Toronto; have practised law since 1890. Address O.S., this office.

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FURNISHED rooms to let with or without board, about 5 minutes walk from the Post Office. Apply 21 Rae street. ap2-1m

TO LET—At low rents, large well lighted offices near Bastion Square, suitable for professional men, mining brokers, etc. Apply at 52 Langley St. mr29-1mo

TO LET—Seven-roomed house, No. 9½ Queen's avenue; bath, gas, hot and cold water. Apply No. 9, next door. mr28 tf

TO LET—Two cottages on the old Esquimalt Road. Apply Mrs. J. Bayley, Half Way House. mr28-6t

TO RENT—Terms moderate—Apply to E. Baynes Reed, 42 Fort street. Those convenient premises corner Douglas and Fort streets lately occupied by Dr. Hasel; especially adapted for a medical man. Two houses on Fort street, Nos. 132, 134; house on Caledonia avenue, No. 10. fe11tf

FOR RENT—Large front room, suitable for two; every convenience; breakfast if desired. Apply 5 Queen's avenue, near Government street. de24-tf

TO LET—Comfortable housekeeping rooms, with hot and cold water bath. Apply 104 Pandora; also a furnished 15-roomed house. Apply 97 Quadra. de22-1m

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FARMS FOR SALE OR TO LET—A very fine farm South Saanich district, 50 acres cleared, 6 roomed house and good farm buildings, price $8,500 or to let at $300 per annum; 160 acres near McPherson's Station, house, barns, and chicken houses cheap at $800 payable $100 cash and $100 each year, or to let at $5 per month. A. W. More & Co. Financial Agents, 70 Douglas st.

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FOR SALE CHEAP—At Shawnigan Lake, 1½ acres of land, fronting the lake; cottage, furniture, boat house, handsome boat and fittings for rowing or sailing; 150 yards south of the hotel. Apply W. H. Mason, 46 Government street. ap1-3t

FOR SALE—Cows, first-class milkers; also fine span mules, 16 hands. Apply John Richards, grocery store, James Bay, or E. Dunderdale, Hall & Goepel, 100 Government street. mr19-10t

FOR SALE—Handsomely upholstered box lounge, useful to anyone living in apartments or whose wardrobe accommodation is limited; spring top; bolster cushion; cheap; Address Lounge, Colonist office. mr17

FOR SALE—Best household Coal and Wood at market prices. Apply Flint & Prosser.

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LOST OR FOUND.

LOST—On Thursday afternoon, March 5th on or near Belcher street, a carriage rug dark blue with large white check on one side Finder please leave at Colonist office. mr

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DUTIES TO PARENTS.

Bishop Cridge on the Obligations of Children to their Parents—Earnest Appeal.

Not to Honor Our Parents Is to Dishonor God—The Promises for Obedience.

The following special sermon to children was preached in the Reformed Episcopal church a few Sundays since by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge:

Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.—Exodus xx, 12.

Disobedience to parents is one of the sins which an apostle foretold would dishonor the Christian church in the latter days. It is surprising that such things should have been predicted at the very beginning concerning a religion that came direct from heaven; but the truth is that when Christianity entered into the world the enmity of men against it added a new and virulent character to their natural ungodliness. Those who are not made better by the religion of Jesus are made worse. Contempt of grace, love, and mercy, imprints upon ordinary wickedness a character truly satanic.

The sin of disobedience to parents must be a sin of verv deep dye, when we find it coupled, not with sins which human beings only can commit, but with that "spiritual wickedness" which is the special property of the Evil One. For, says the apostle, "men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, untruthful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those who are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." Black as this catalogue is, who can say that it has not been terribly filled out, both now and heretofore, by multitudes of professing Christians in the very bosom of the church?

"Honor thy father and thy mother." This precept stands first in the second table, as honoring the one and only true God does in the first. As obedience to God is the foundation of all duty in religion, so obedience to parents is the foundation of all order in society; it is the stability of all lawful authority; the initiative and symbol of all good government.

It is rooted also in the common sentiment of mankind as a sacred duty. What we owe to parents are benefits unearned, undeserved, and to be repaid by nothing less than gratitude, love and devotion.

As Christians, not to honor our parents is to dishonor God. It has been well said by an old divine, Barrow, that whereas to act rightly towards others is called justice, honesty, charity, liberality, to act rightly towards parents is styled piety, filial piety. "It is more than injustice to wrong a parent; it is more than uncharitableness to refuse them succour or relief; it is more than discourteso to be unkind to them; it is more than avarice to be illiberal to them; it is rather high impiety to offend in any of these kinds."

This duty extends through the whole course of our lives, and cannot be annulled through any cause whatever. The time may come in the natural course of events when to obey in the literal sense is superseded or modified by the exigencies of life; but to love, honor and succour never. Nor can any unworthiness in the parent abrogate the command. If it be a duty to be lenient, forbearing, forgiving, towards others, even to the extent of hororing all men because they are men, how much more to parents! Even death, though it dissolve the tie, does not extinguish the o ligation. To honor their memory, to remember only their virtues, and all that we owe to them; to confess to God with shame and sorrow our sins of omission and commission towards them when they were yet alive, is the disposition of every pious mind. If still living, helpless, infirm, old or poor, we should be indignant with ourselves if we would forbear to help them, remembering how severely our Lord rebuked the hypocritical pretences with which some in his day schemed to exonerate themselves from their filial obligations.

On the young especially does the gospel enforce this duty. I speak to you, Christian children, youths and maidens. Not as from Sinai, with the curses of the law pronounced against rebellious sons and daughters, but as from Mount Zion, with blessings and encouragements, so that, following God, as his dear children, you may obey your parents in the Lord. For this is the first commandment with promise, the promise being length of days and long life, a large promise, and by no means to be limited to earth; for not all dutiful children live long; some die young; but in the world to come this promise will be more than fulfilled, even to the assurance of length of days for ever and ever. Still this is the exception. Obedience to parents hath the promise of this life as well as of that which is to come. If you perform this duty from the heart, you may confidently expect God's favour and protection, prosperity in your business; peace of mind; and an honorable old age. For to do this, says the apostle again, is right, and well pleasing to the Lord. Better to have His smile than His frown; and this you certainly shall have if you obey your parents in all things; in all things that are lawful and right; in all things that are not wrong.

If it be asked why are such promises attached to this one duty, it is because if you obey your parents in the love and fear of God it is a pledge and a sign that you will perform all other duties well; you will submit yourselves to all who are in authority over you—a line of conduct which is well pleasing to man as well as to God.

Therefore honor your father and mother without murmurings or disputings, for they know better than you. You may think otherwise sometimes, as children often do; they think themselves wiser at fifteen than probably they will think themselves at fifty. There are elements in the problems of life which children cannot know, and which experience only can teach. If in your inexperience you think yourselves capable of solving them, and wonder that your parents do not see as you do, this is the infirmity of childhood and youth, and only becomes a fault when it takes the form of conceit and disobedience. When it becomes a question which shall prevail, your desire or your parents' will, remember that self-denial on your part is parental discipline on theirs; and that to submit your will to theirs is a sure pledge that you will do the same to God, your Father who is in heaven.

When tempted to be disrespectful to your parents, in language or conduct, call to mind that the command requires you to honor, as well as to obey. If you are polite and courteous to strangers, as almost all Christian children are, how much more should you be so to your parents. See with what reverence King Solomon behaved towards his mother. When she came into his presence he rose up to meet her, and bowed himself to her, and had a seat of honor placed for her at his right hand. You may not be in a position to render such ceremonious respect, but at least avoid incivility, rudeness and neglect. Let it not be said that you are well-behaved abroad, but ill-mannered at home.

Think not that because you are always with your parents you may treat them with coarseness and disdain, or that because they are kind and indulgent, it is only your due, and that you are under no obligation to make them worthy returns; for it is a sorrowful fact that some children the more they are indulged the worse they behave—and that, surely, is strange ingratitude. Joseph did not so. When sent on an arduous errand by his father he instantly obeyed, and spared no pains to execute it properly. You should spare your parents pain and sorrow, even if it cost you much yourself; you should study their wishes and guard their interests. If you would not defraud an employer, much less a parent; for "he that robbeth his father or his mother, and saith it is no transgression, is the companion of a destroyer." Do this duty in the fear of God. An ungodly child will hardly fail to be an undutiful child. To keep this command is to begin life well. Thus begin it now, in the morning of your days, and you will be spared many bitter reflections and remorseful feelings hereafter, when the filial tie is severed forever.

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EASY TERMS.

If the information received by our Winnipeg correspondent relative to the negotiations between the Ottawa Commissioners and the Manitoba Government is reliable it is very surprising that a settlement was not arrived at. We are told that the Dominion delegates proposed on Saturday that "the Roman Catholics be given the same privileges here (in Manitoba) as are enjoyed in the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick schools, the Catholics to have separate school houses in populous districts, the Catholic children in the other schools to be exempt from religious instruction or objectionable clauses in the text books, also that the Catholics have representation on the educational board." The system in both Nova Scotian and New Brunswick is non-sectarian. The concessions made to the Catholics in both provinces, unless we are greatly mistaken, were matters of amicable arrangement brought about by moderation and good feeling on the part of both Protestants and Catholics. The majority in both provinces are strongly opposed to separate schools. But when their system was put in operation the Protestants found that the case of the Catholics, having to support their own schools while they paid taxes to support the common schools was hard, and they made arrangements outside the law, under which the Catholics could use the schools toward the support of which they were compelled to contribute, without doing violence to their consciences. In towns which have a considerable Catholic population it was understood that the children of Catholics should attend certain schools. To these schools the trustees appointed Catholic teachers. The text books used in all other schools were used in these schools, the teachers had to undergo the same examinations as all other teachers, and the Government Inspectors visited them and reported upon them exactly in the same way as they did in the other schools of the provinces. As far as we know the arrangement has worked well in both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. A similar arrangement was made in Prince Edward Island, where the educational system has worked smoothly for many years.

We are greatly surprised that the Manitoba negotiators did not eagerly accept an arrangement that has been proved to be workable in the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the inhabitants of which are as strongly opposed to separate schools as the inhabitants of Manitoba can possibly be. We confess that we had no idea that the Ottawa Commissioners would offer terms that could be complied with so easily by the Government and Legislature of Manitoba and that would be so readily accepted by such of the inhabitants of the province as had lived in the Eastern maritime provinces.

One of the counter propositions submitted by the Manitoba representatives was no concession to the Catholics at all. The great majority of the members of that denomination, whether lay or cleric, consider that a school from which religion of every kind is completely banished is worse than no school at all. They have a horror of "godless schools," so it would not be surprising that that proposition was rejected without discussion. The next alternative is more in accordance with the principles of those who favor denominational schools, namely, "to repeal the present provisions of the school act relating to religious exercises, and allow any denomination to give religious instruction in any public school during stated hours." It would, we think, be very difficult to put this system in operation in schools attended by the children of many denominations. The Nova Scotia and New Brunswick compromise is, in our opinion, greatly preferable from every point of view.

BEGINNING TO BLOW.

The organ of the Opposition has commenced its electioneering tactics. It does not discuss political questions. It knows a trick worth two of that. Bluff is, in its estimation, better than argument any day. It therefore tries to create the impression that the Opposition is going to win at the coming election. In this province the Grits are going to carry all before them. They always do—in their minds—a month or two before the election. After polling day they have another story to tell. But this time a prominent Conservative, who has been stuffing "the writer," has promised the Grits "three British Columbia constituencies," of which Victoria is one. Then the crowd who believe that "it is time there was a change" are to a man to vote for the Grits. This, too, is a very old story.

Knowing, we suppose, that the Grit candidates are not popular in this city, the organ says: "The contest is not one between men—it is between two sets of principles, one being right and the other wrong. "This is delightfully vague and edifying, but it is bluff and so it goes. We should like to know what principle the organ advocates. It is against the Grit leader on the school question. Mr. Laurier is for restoring the Manitoba minority their schools, the Times is for non-interference pure and simple. The Times has backed down on the trade question. It is not protectionist, and it is not now even for free trade as it is in England. It consequently treats its readers to nothing, done up in this way: "Two policies, one in the interests of the Dominion, while the blighting influence of the other is everywhere felt from Halifax to Victoria." There ought to be some meaning in this sentence, but it would take a Philadelphia lawyer to find it. The fact seems to be that the Grit organ takes the electors of Victoria to be destitute both of sense and intelligence, and it treats its readers to an infinite amount of nothing, believing that they are so stupid and silly as to take sound for sense.

OPPOSED TO THEIR LEADER.

We wonder if any of those who keep on shouting "Hands off Manitoba," ever sat down coolly to consider how many of the leading public men of Canada think as they do. The advocates of complete non-interference would, we think, be greatly surprised to find out how few there are who are of their opinion.

In the first place the Hon. Mr. Laurier is not only not with them, but he is diametrically opposed to them. A speech which he made on the 19th of last December in Montreal, contains a passage which those who honestly believe in non-interference should read very carefully. Here it is:

"I am a Roman Catholic. I want the schools of Manitoba, and I want to have the Catholics of Manitoba, restored to the same privileges that are given to the Protestants of Quebec and to the Catholics of Ontario. I have no hesitation in telling you that I want to have the minority in Manitoba *restored* to the same privileges which are freely granted in Quebec to the Protestant and to the Roman Catholic minority in Ontario."

Nothing could be plainer or stronger than this. The minority in Manitoba cannot have "restored to them the same privileges that are given to Protestants in Quebec and to the Catholics in Ontario" without interference with the school legislation of Manitoba, and that interference must be more energetic and more effective than that provided for in the Remedial Bill, for Mr. Laurier denounced that bill from his place in the House of Commons in these terms: "What is before the House? A half-hearted and faint measure—a measure of compromise and nothing more." The reader will find these words in Mr. Laurier's speech as reported in the Hansrad of this year, p. 2,838. Here we have Mr. Laurier the advocate of interference, and wholehearted and vigorous interference.

The Hon. David Mills spoke strongly in favor of interference. Even Mr. Dalton McCarthy had to admit that the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council is good law, and that decision looks to and recommends interference. In fact all the leading Liberals in the House of Commons and out of it now admit that interference may be necessary "as a last resort." That is to say, that if the Government of Manitoba, in spite of argument and persuasion, continue to refuse to redress the grievance of the Manitoba minority interference must be resorted to.

Is not this precisely the position taken by the Government? They believe that interference is to be a "last resort." They may not agree with their opponents as to when it is expedient to use this last resort. The Government say, "Now is the time to apply to Parliament to settle the difficulty. If the Government of Manitoba are not ready now to settle it, they will never be ready."

The Opposition, with Mr. Laurier at their head, while they admit the minority ought to have their schools restored to them, and that indeed they must be restored, plead that the time for restoration has not yet arrived. "Wait a little longer," they say. "Appoint another commission, use new arguments, offer fresh inducements, and after all means are exhausted, then, when redress can be had in no other way, invoke the interference of Parliament." Cannot the reader see that the difference between the supporters of the Government and the followers of Mr. Laurier is really so small as to be not worth disputing about? It is very hard to find two men to agree upon the exact time when it is right to stop trying to coax and persuade a man to do what the law and reason both say is the right thing to do. Some men have more patience than others, and some men are weak and timid; these plead for delay in such a case. But men of energy and determination see that it is folly after a reasonable period has elapsed to waste time in mere palaver. When sensible men are agreed as to the necessity of pursuing a certain course, and when they see that such a course is in the end inevitable, they do not lose much time in disputing as to when action should be taken. In a case of the kind under consideration, it is easy to see that when a reasonable time has been allowed for decision those who plead for delay and still further delay must be actuated by some selfish or sinister motive. They either by a policy of shillyshally intend to betray the cause they pretend to have at heart or they believe a speedy and prompt settlement will in some way be injurious to interests which they secretly desire to promote.

With regard to this Manitoba school question reflecting men cannot but see that the difference between the leading men of the two parties is so small that if they acted in accordance with the principles they profess to hold they would sink all minor considerations and unite to bring about the end they both have in view, which is to restore to the Manitoba minority privileges of which they have been deprived. Mr. Laurier has solemnly declared that it is his purpose to restore those privileges. Sir Mackenzie Bowell has the same end in view. Why, then, does Mr. Laurier exhaust his ingenuity in inventing excuses and devices to put off the day of settlement?

THE PROTECTED REPUBLICS.

President Diaz is pleased with the United States for having asserted the Monroe Doctrine. This is not at all surprising. We have no doubt that Nicaragua and the other States of Central and South America calling themselves "republics" rejoice to see so strong a nation as the United States volunteering to take their part in their disputes with European nations. The bond of brotherhood between them is their republicanism. Well, Mexico is no doubt a model republic and Diaz a pattern President. But if a true republican tried to carry out the principles of true republicanism in Mexico he would very soon find that republicanism in Mexico bears a very strong resemblance to despotism in Russia or in Turkey. Diaz rules Mexico; his will is law there, and those who have the audacity to oppose him very soon find out what kind of a republican the President of Mexico is. And he is a good President for Mexico, chiefly because his methods are not republican in the true sense of the word. The Mexicans want a master, and Diaz knows well that they do.

But there is not much chance of the United States and the Latin republics getting along smoothly together, even though they all admire what they severally believe to be the Monroe Doctrine. The United States will soon find that the Republic of Mexico interprets the doctrine in one way while each of the other republics interprets it in a very different way. Even United States citizens cannot agree as to what that doctrine means and how far it extends. We see Senator Lodge's exposition of it disrespectfully stigmatized by a very intelligent United States editor as "blather." This being the case it can be easily understood that there will be a very wide difference between the way in which the average Central or South American legislator understands it and the way in which it is interpreted by a United States Secretary of State. As long as the United States takes their part whether they are right or wrong, she will be exceedingly popular with these Latin Republics. But as soon as she tries to check their lawlessness or undertakes to teach them a few lessons in fair dealing and common honesty they will turn upon her savagely, disregard her advice, and repudiate even the Monroe Doctrine.

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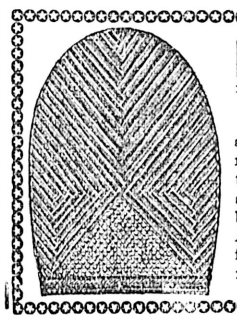

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The Westside.

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AUCTION SALES.

April 11—Victoria electric railway and lighting system. Joshua Davies, auctioneer.

To-Day's Events.

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THE CITY.

CHALLONER, MITCHELL & Co. are offering great bargains in sterling silver goods.

TO-MORROW being a holiday the ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home will not meet until Monday, April 13.

A SPECIAL general meeting of the directors of the Jubilee hospital is called for Tuesday evening next at the offices of Messrs. Yates & Jay.

THE fancy basket raffled by J. E. Sabin for the benefit of Mrs. Blake last evening resulted in L. Lossman's favor, he being the holder of ticket No. 84.

A SACRED concert and social will be held at St. Columba church, Oak Bay, on Tuesday night. There will be no admission fee but a collection will be taken up.

AT NEXT Tuesday evening's meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Dr. Mary McNeill is announced to read a second paper on the interesting subject of "Heredity and Hygiene."

AN entertainment is to be given at St. James' church schoolroom on the evening of April 15, when Mr. Wm. Greig will speak on "Musical Odds and Ends." Singing, recitations and refreshments form the other attractions.

A CHIMNEY fire in Chinatown called for the attention of the brigade yesterday. The owner of the premises, a Chinaman, has been summoned to appear in the police court in consequence of a violation of the fire prevention by-law appearing to have been committed.

THE fiftieth appropriation of the Victoria Building Society was drawn for last evening at Sir William Wallace hall, the drawing committee being composed of Messrs. A. Stewart, F. Elworthy and James Woolcock. Number 184 was drawn, shares 184 A and B, standing in the name of Frederick Smith, and 184 C and D having been withdrawn.

CHALLONER, MITCHELL & Co. are still continuing their sale of the stock of watches, clocks, jewelry and silverware purchased with the business of Pennock & Lowe, and the bargains there are genuine bargains, as everything is going at less than the wholesale cost. The public would do well to call at 49 Government street and see for themselves.

THE steamer Mischief has been chartered by the members of the British Columbia Natural History Society for their second dredging expedition of the season which they propose to hold to-morrow, meeting at Sinclair's wharf, James Bay, at ten in the morning, returning at five in the evening. Trawling for specimens will constitute the business of the day.

TO-MORROW'S meeting of the city council does not give promise of being very long or especially interesting. The only resolution of which notice was given on the bulletin yesterday stands in the name of Ald. Macmillan, and is in the direction of fixing Wednesday, April 22, as the date for the conference between the council and residents of Victoria West with reference to Craigflower road, decided upon some time ago.

THOSE who have in the past learned to appreciate the merit of the entertainments which the ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church provide whenever they undertake to cater to the public, will make no engagements for tomorrow which will conflict with the concert and tableaux announced to form the evening attraction at Philharmonic hall. The musical and the artistic features are evenly blended on the programme, a copy of which is given below: Selection, Fife and Drum band of No. 3 Co., 5th Regiment; song, Mr. W. Ralph Higgins; violin solo, Mr. C. Lombard, jr.; tableaux, musical drill, Fifth Regiment; song, Miss Hartnagle; song, Miss Jameson. tableaux; piano solo, Miss Christie; song, Mr. Booth; tableaux.

CHALLONER, MITCHELL & Co. are receiving new goods every day.

VICTORIANS, among whom many of her warmest friends were found, will learn with especial regret of the death of Louise Manfred Pyke, the charming operatic comedienne who on so many occasions has delighted residents of this city with her sweet music. The merry little star was but thirty-five years of age, and had since 1889 been the wife of the well known manager and singer, Charles Pyke, with whose company she was seen here last season. Her professional career dated from 1875, when she made her debut in the comic opera of "The Two Cads," afterwards scoring a pronounced success in "Patience." The Haverley, Lillian Russell, Carleton and Pyke companies in turn claimed her as a star, she, after her marriage, always remaining in the organizations under Mr. Pyke's immediate personal direction. As winsome and merry off as on the stage, she was a favorite with all who had the pleasure of forming her acquaintance, while her readiness to at any time listen to and assist those in less fortunate circumstances than herself, made her one of the idols of stageland. Among the operatic fraternity there was no woman in America whose death would cause more general or more genuine regret than that of Louise Manfred.

THE Juvenile Company will have a full rehearsal of "Olivette," in the theatre, on Tuesday, after school.

THE annual vestry meeting of St. James' church for hearing reports and electing officers will be held on Wednesday, 22nd inst.

LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVES should make no other engagements for next Wednesday evening, when as will be seen from the advertisement appearing in this issue the well appointed permanent club rooms are to be formally opened. This will be a noteworthy event, and promises to be the occasion of a very pleasant reunion.

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A COLLISION, which was the direct result of heavy drinking and consequent furious driving, occurred near Parson's Bridge on Good Friday, as a result of which a horse belonging to the Victoria Transfer Company was instantly killed. The pair of inebriates who were responsible for the collision escaped without a scratch.

BANDMASTER FINN and his associate musicians of the Fifth Regiment treated the audience assembled at the drill hall last evening to a programme as thoroughly meritorious and as varied as any that has yet been presented. The several numbers were as follows: March, "High School Cadets," Sousa; overture, "Jolly Robbers," Suppe; waltz, "Over the Waves," Rosa; selection, "Army Chaplain," Milloecker; selection from "Faust," Gounod; solo for clarionet, "Somnambula," Carney, Bandsman Rausch, soloist; danse Africaine, "Darkies' Frolic," Bray; selection, "Gems of Scotland," Cavallini; God Save the Queen.

No deviation from the published programme came unexpectedly to the good sized gathering attending the sacred concert in the Centennial Methodist church on Good Friday evening. It was rendered as announced and with such pleasing effect as to meet with much favorable comment from all present. The choir, assisted by talent from other choirs of the city, were heard in over fifteen numbers, some choruses, some solos, some quartettes and some recitations—all to splendid advantage. When the concert was over the performers enjoyed an elegant collation in the auditorium of the church. It is understood that the concert will be repeated at an early date.

MR. S. A. ROBERTS, P. L. S., has just returned to the city from Alberni, where, with the assistance of Mr. J. D. Pemberton, he has sub-divided about four hundred lots in the new townsite. The hotel, Mr. Roberts reports, is already in course of construction, while the wharf has been commenced and will be pushed forward as quickly as possible, the necessary material being all on the ground. In the mining districts there is marked activity everywhere—the ledge on the Alberni claim is being developed; the hydraulic plant will be in operation at the Duke of York in about five or six weeks; while the dam on the Cataract claim is nearly completed and the hydraulic plant, which is on the ground, will be ready for use just as soon as the flume is finished.

MR. JOHN MURRAY, J. P., who died at Spence's Bridge on Tuesday last at the age of about sixty, arrived in New Westminster in the early sixties, and after successfully conducting a grocery business for some years, joined the staff of the Columbian newspaper, at that time managed by the late Hon. John Robson. He developed considerable literary ability and numerous articles of considerable merit were contributed by him. Something like twenty years ago he went to reside at Spence's, where he very successfully carried on an extensive fruit farm, many of his products being noteworthy for their superior excellence. He also carried on a general fruit store and managed the post office and the local meteorological observatory. Within a very recent period a specially interesting description by Mr. Murray of early Victoria appeared in the columns of the COLONIST.

THE cantata "Christ and His Soldiers" was given by the choir of Christ Church cathedral at the Friday evening service. The services were exceedingly well rendered, the precision of attack and unison of the voices being particularly noticeable. The carol sung by the boys was perhaps the best singing heard from boys in this city. Their voices were particularly sweet and it was a plasure to hear boys singing easily instead of with the effort usually noticeable in children. Mr. K. J. Middleton, the choirmaster, deserves great credit for the results obtained. The solo "By Jesu's Grave," was well sung by Mr. Rickaby as well as those by Messrs. F. Wollaston, C. Arundel and E. H. Russell. One very pleasing feature was the quartette (unaccompanied) by Messrs. Russell, Goodwin and P. Wollaston. Mr. Pauline's accompaniments were exceedingly good. The same cantata will be given by an augmented choir at St. Luke's, Cedar Hill at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.

From Now Until Spring

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THE BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD.

A Quiet Week in the Various Lodgerooms —Initiations the Order for the Week Now Opening.

The week which closed yesterday was one of the quietest in many months so far as the secret societies are concerned. Routine work and initiations occupied the attention of the limited audiences of members at the meetings of the several societies—nor will there be any conspicuous change during the week opening to-morrow.

Fernwood lodge of the C.O.O.F. met on Friday last, initiated one member and received two propositions for membership. The members of this lodge and their friends have received an invitation from Dauntless lodge to be present at their next meeting, to be held on the 14th, when, after the initiation of several candidates, an open lodge will be held and Prof. Stark will give a lecture on "Phrenology." In order to dispose of the business early, so as to leave plenty of time for the amusement features to follow, the lodge will on this occasion convene at 8 o'clock sharp.

The Companions of the Forest have about completed arrangements for their Primrose ball, and the prizes will soon be placed upon exhibition. There is some talk of a "boody" prize being given for the worst set of lancers, as well as the best set, and the minuet couple. The committee are working hard to make the affair a success in every detail.

Columbia lodge No. 2, I.O.O.F., conferred the second degree at their last meeting, and received one proposition for membership. Next Wednesday evening there will be work in the third degree.

Victoria camp No. 52, Woodmen of the World, meets to-morrow evening at A.O.U.W. hall when several initiations will take place, and the proposition to reduce the initiation fee will be discussed and dealt with.

Loyal Occidental lodge No. 7,177, I.O.O.F., Manchester Unity, meets next Wednesday in Foresters hall. A full attendance of members is requested as important business will be brought forward.

THE children taking part in "Elma, the Fairy Child," will meet in the schoolroom of St. John's at 2 o'clock, to-morrow afternoon, for practice.

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Eyes

became worse. Then I took her to a specialist in Indianapolis, who said he could do nothing. I came away with a heavy heart. I met my father's physician, Dr. Berryman, who examined Zola's eyes, and told me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I began to give it as directed and wash her eyes with warm water. Soon I began to notice improvement, and now, having given the child over a half dozen bottles, her eyes are greatly improved and she can see as well as any one. She is five years of age, and goes to school. When she began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, she had to eat her meals in a darkened room, but now

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M. ROSENTHAL, who had failed to appear in the provincial police court in answer to a summons for peddling without a license, was arrested early yesterday morning by Constable Wallis, and brought before Magistrate Macrae at the usual hour. He promptly objected to a summary hearing of the information on the ground that it was his Sabbath, the case being thereupon remanded until 8 in the evening, when on a conviction being secured Rosenthal was fined $5 and costs, having admitted his offence—a not very serious one.

SPOKANE merchants are making great efforts to have freight rates from coast points to the Kootenay country raised. Since the railway companies reduced the rates from the coast the Kootenay trade has been slowly slipping away from Spokane and coming to Victoria and Vancouver and the Sound cities. The rate cannot be raised without the consent of the C.P.R., and they are not likely to agree to it, as they do not get a share of the business from Spokane, while they do get their quota of the hauling from the coast cities. By the new tariff coast cities can supply the Trail Creek district with goods from 20 to 30 per cents per hundred pounds cheaper than Spokane.

A CHINAMAN, a bike and an obstreperous pigtail were the component parts of a farce comedy which furnished any amount of amusement for the pedestrians on James Bay bridge yesterday afternoon. The Celestial and the wheel were travelling very amicably together until the pigtail, which had been neatly coiled aloft, became unmoored. Then the bicycle took part in the game, catching the end of the braid and neatly winding it and the Chinaman up in a pretty little tangle. The words the Chinaman repeated the bystanders could not remember, but their meaning was evident. As a result of the queue-rious accident, Chinatown has to-day one citizen who has come to look upon the innocent bike as a special engine of the wicked one.

MR. H. MYEDLETON WOOD, Evangilist in the Catholic Apostolic Church, will return to this city in a few days and will resume his inquiry meetings in the side room of Institute Hall beginning Monday evening, April 13th, at 8 p.m. x

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THE DRAMATIC ART.

SARAH BERNHARDT GIVES ADVICE TO BEGINNERS.

Difficulties of Stage Success and How to Surmount Them—An Article by the Greatest of Living Actresses—Simplicity and Realism.

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MANY ambitious young ladies have frequently asked me what are the qualities which go to make success upon the stage. To this query I would say that there are no established rules. Much depends upon the neophyte who would conquer success. She must be brave, self reliant, industrious. There are many difficulties in the way of a brilliant stage career, but a courageous girl can surmount them. The seeker of histrionic honors must have, in addition to the requirements I have enumerated, a real love of the art, the disposition or will to succeed, face, figure and voice. With these advantages of nature she can hardly fail to win the meed of victory.

Disposition I prize above all, for that will overcome the primary obstacles which lay on the path of the young player. Next in importance is the face, for that constitutes considerable capital; the figure, which imparts grace, and last, the voice, which means elocutionary power. The voice should be sweet, strong and musical. Above all things the young lady should be unremitting in her assiduity. Nothing but constant endeavor will bring her to the goal of success. Some philosopher has defined genius as a tremendous capacity for hard work, and I am thoroughly in accord with him. Work, unceasing, arduous work, is the price the actress must pay if she would mount the ladder of dramatic fame. The same argument, it is needless to add, will apply to man as well as woman.

What is needed most in this country is a conservatory such as there is in Paris. Young women eager to attain polish, manner, refinement, grace of movement and flexibility of voice—in a word, the hundred and one little things which go to make dramatic art—should go there, if they can, or to some school of acting which obtains in any other country. If she cannot, let her study the methods of her elders—women who have achieved success—and do the best she can with the advantages within her reach. Work, constant, faithful work, will enable her to succeed, just as self made men and women of limited education have done in this great country in other walks of life.

Another important point: The beginner should not be eager to leap up to the top rung of the ladder at once. A child must creep before it can walk, and walk before it can run. So with the aspirant for dramatic fame. She should begin at the beginning and gradually forge her way to the front. She should know every part of dramatic art. You all know how rare it is that a one part actress, or actor either, can endure with the public.

An actress should, above all things, be careful of her health. She should draw no heavy drafts upon it. Late suppers and inertia induce embonpoint and later on adiposity. Adiposity is fatal to art. A woman with superabundant curves, for instance, could not play Camille, Magda or Gismonda without provoking laughter. She should look as well as act the part she essays. Dumas, for example, makes Camille die of consumption. Caustic critics might make a stout lady who should attempt the role expire of dropsy. It is always well to avoid cynical attacks. They are like dagger thrusts. They cut into the ambitious woman's fame. They are quite likely to relegate her to minor parts. How many really meritorious actresses have met this fate as years and physical disqualifications came upon them!

It is easy to maintain graceful proportions. I do not mean to advocate dieting, or any kind of food fads, or even undue exercise. One has simply to follow the laws of nature to keep in perfect, healthy condition. As for myself, I eat anything and everything I please. Fruit I am very fond of, but wine I never drink. I never exercise. Walking does not agree with me, gymnastics I dislike, and such games as golf I abominate. I only ride a bicycle because I enjoy it. I get all the exercise I require in my work upon the stage, and that is pleasing to me. I leave everything to nature, and that accounts for my healthy condition.

It is rather unfortunate for ambitious debutantes that we are at present passing through a period of transition. Stage ideals are rudely shattered. Rough, coarse, barbarous realism is invading the domain of gentle, refined art. Even in Paris it has gained great sway. When I left there, two coarse plays were being enacted—one at the Vaudeville, the other at the Varieties. The latter is so daring that even the men who witness it—men of culture, I mean—unhesitatingly condemn it. I am not a prude by any means, but I think there should be some limitation given to this so called realism. In time I believe it will exhaust itself, and that the more natural forms of art will ultimately prevail.

Speaking of realism reminds me that a young actress of great talents recently made a decided hit in New York by the fervor of her kissing. Competent critics say the lady literally overwhelmed her lover in the play by her ardent force. That may captivate the public, but I think the lady, clever as she unquestionably is, carried the "realism" a bit too far. An actress should of course do all in her power to awaken a response in the hearts of the audience to the emotions which are supposed to animate her, but they should be within the limitations of taste and art. In Paris a critical audience would laugh at such osculatory fervor.

I am of the opinion that the successful play of the future will be the one which tends toward simplicity. The public will demand, I think, a plain, unvarnished presentation of life as it knows it, a photograph, as it were, of actual, everyday facts. It will want the characters in plays to speak as the people they know and come in contact with do, directly, naturally, unaffectedly. It will care less than it does now for plots as we at present conceive them, and more for sketches of ordinary life.

And when the public leaves the playhouse I am satisfied that it will be highly pleased with the portrayal of the scenes it has witnessed and with the dramatization of emotions with which it is fully familiar.

Sarah Bernhardt

A BUREAU SCARF.

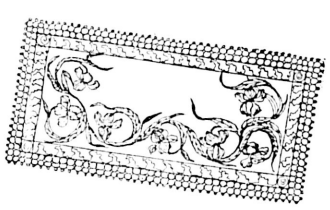
One That May Be Washed Without Losing Its Brilliancy.

Every woman knows the inestimable advantage of a bureau scarf that can be cleansed without harm. Let the cover be as decorative as it may it becomes an eyesore when soiled, and soil is inevitable when an object is in daily use.

The discovery that tinsel as well as fast color silks will launder and retain all its beauty has made it possible to evoke a scarf that is quite decorative as well as useful.

The model from which the drawing was made combines green and gold with great success, but the colors can, as a matter of course, be made of almost anything you please so long as they are harmonious. The one essential is the selection of such silks as are truly "fast."

For the foundation select good quality plain scrim and cut it to the desired size, and make a two inch hem round all four sides. Above the hem draw out a sufficient number of threads to admit of running in baby ribbon. Then draw the design. Work all the leaves in long



and short stitch with olive silk and the flowers with gold color. After that is done outline every part of the design with tinsel, using olive and gold for the leaves, and all gold for the flowers.

On the hem draw what is known as a vermicelli design, and outline it all with gold tinsel. Run ribbon through the drawn threads, and finish the edge with a narrow but strong linen edge. The one shown here closely resembles lathing, but is made by machine, in spite of which fact it is strong for its work. If, however, you can make the real thing and are willing to give the time your scarf will be even handsomer than the one from which the inspiration is drawn. Genuine hand work always shows for what it is, and no edging taught at the shop could be so handsome as that made by yourself. In either case, however, the scarf can be trusted to endure years of usage, and to come forth from each laundering literally as good as new. A similar one now in use has seen more cleanings than it is easy to remember, yet has lost none of its brilliancy or color.

CLARE BUNCE.

Pulpit Desecration.

At the recent convention of women in Washington Miss Yates of Maine made a lively speech. She said she had been giving equal suffrage addresses in the south. In one city where she was to speak on this topic in the courthouse she offered to address the congregation of a certain church on the subject of Chinese missions, she having been 12 years in China as a missionary. But the pastor refused, saying he would not have his pulpit desecrated by permitting a woman to speak in it. A little while before it had been occupied by a man who had taken the Keeley cure. "Now," said Miss Yates, "if I had only been a reformed drunkard instead of a woman who did not drink, probably I, too, might have spoken from it without desecration."

Care of House Plants.

Don't permit dust to remain upon the foliage of house plants to choke them. Most plants should be washed as often as every fortnight. Never use water colder than the temperature of the room either for spraying off the foliage or for watering the plants. When the plants are troubled with insects, a good wash is tobacco water. All plants thrive best in an even temperature.

Clams a la Newport.

Melt a tablespoonful of butter in the chafing dish, add a tablespoonful of flour and stir until it thickens. Beat the yolks of 2 eggs light, add to them a cup of cream, and turn into the chafing dish with 25 fresh, soft clams drained from their liquor. Stir until thoroughly cooked and heated, but do not boil. Put out the lamp, and serve at once.

SLEEVES AND BODICES.

The Former Have Lace or Gauze Falling Over the Hand.

Sleeves in which the upper and fore arm are in one piece are more worn just now than those in which the puff is separate. Applications of lace and velvet ribbon are used as trimming, and there is a continual effort to find new forms for epaulets and cuffs. The fashion of lace or gauze frills falling over the hand is revived and is much more becoming than the plain sleeve edge, so long left unsoftened by any addition.

According to the preference of the dressmaker, the sleeve approximates to the renaissance style or that of the restoration, but whichever epoch they exemplify they are associated equally with all bodices—belted, pointed and basqued. There is a general mixture just now of historical styles of various epochs. The seventeeth century contributes the Louis Quatorze fashions, the ample cravat and jabot. The pictures of Largilliere, the portraits of La Valliere, are almost exactly copied. Then there are the Louis Quinze coats and bodices, less dignified than the previous style, with their crenelated basques, their berthas and their great collars and pelerines after Anne of Austria. These are

SPRING GOWN.

used more particularly for elegant house and reception toilets. The watteau plait is also seen on indoor gowns of periods quite different from its own, but historical anachronisms are entirely disregarded. Sometimes it is of the same goods, sometimes of another material. A reception gown of broche silk has a watteau plait completely of lace.

Small, plain blouses of lace, bouffant only where they fall over the belt, now add to the variety of bodice fronts and are worn with corsages that terminate at the waist or with those having a basque. It is trifles of this sort that characterize costumes at present, skirt trimmings being very quiet and subdued.

The illustration shows a gown of a modified tailor style. It is of violine cloth and has a godet skirt, each seam of which is adorned with a point of violine velvet. The perfectly plain cloth bodice has a short rippled basque and gigot sleeves. Over this is worn a plain sleeveless vest of violine velvet. It has a shawl collar and is open in front, being fastened by violine brandebourgs. White linen collar and turned back cuffs are worn. The hat is of violine straw trimmed with violine plumes and a drapery of pompadour silk.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

FASHIONABLE TRIMMINGS.

Skirts Remain the Same, but More Trimming Prevails.

Vests now occupy an important place in the wardrobe. They are made of different color and material from that of the gown and are adorned with valuable buttons, either large or small. They have a jabot, or cravat, or they may be closed by a high, plain collar, which allows the addition of another collar of square tabs or two large points.

Many knots and bows are employed to decorate both bodices and skirts. These latter show no change of form, but more trimming is permitted. They may open on one or both sides to display a panel of embroidery or accordion plaited mousseline de sole. Flat skirt trimming is by far the most worn, passementerie, embroidery, motifs in lace, beaded galloons and diverse insertions being all used. Small straps and tabs are also frequently seen and serve as an excuse for the presence of buttons.

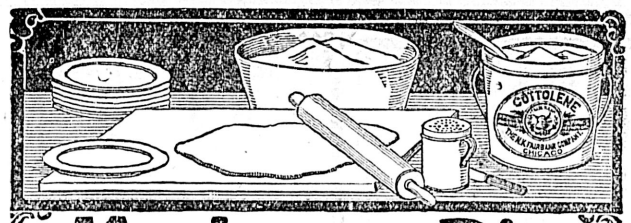
Flowers are the fashion of the day. Not only do they adorn ball and dinner gowns, but are seen on demitoilets and high corsages. They are placed upon one shoulder or at the belt and are often mingled with coques of ribbon. This fashion promises to increase in favor as warm weather approaches. Hats have already submitted

TAILOR COSTUME.

to it and are shown covered with blossoms. Some arrangements are more unusual than pleasing, three and four kinds being grouped together on one hat. Violets of all kinds are mixed with roses, poppies, camellias and pinks. These flowers, according to their variety, encircle the crown, edge the brim, rest upon the hair or loop up the sides. Toques are also lavishly trimmed with flowers, but with more discretion.

A sketch is given of a tailor made gown of dark beige cloth. The godet skirt is finished with stitching. The bodice has a short rippled basque and a wide collar and revers, faced with beige velvet. It is adorned with large buttons and opens over a vest of white cloth with gold buttons, which shows a white shirt bosom. A high linen collar and a black scarf are worn. The gigot sleeves, of cloth, have turned back cuffs faced with velvet. The hat accompanying the gown is of black straw, trimmed with ruby velvet and black plumes.

JUDIC CHOLLET.



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The following saloon passengers are aboard the steamship City of Puebla due here from San Francisco to-morrow afternoon: Jas. McGill Muirhead, G. S. Steacy, R. C. Campbell, Wm. Haythorne, Mrs. J. R. Currie, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. John Clark, J. R. Hillyard, wife and child, Geo. Simonette, Chas. C. Gill, C. F. Dean, E. E. Green, R. Brown, H. Cooper, A. H. Cooper, C. A. Westcott, B. Williams, H. McLayan, Mr. Albus, Miss L. Kirkwood, W. H. Cowen, A. Dent, M. Desilva, wife and two children, D. Hawks, Mrs. Cartmell, Wm. Bell, wife and sister, H. R. Ella, Mrs. Harvygoods, Mrs. P. Bovim, Mrs. D. M. Hunter, F. Lenguth, Lee Thompson.

There is no abatement in the rush to Alaska, and in fact the passenger business is increasing rather than diminishing. When the City of Topeka left here for the North at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon she was loaded to her capacity, twelve miners from Victoria having joined those aboard. The Willapa leaving the Sound on the same day was also loaded down, every part of her space for either passengers or freight having been engaged long before she sailed. Two additional steamers also intended to leave the Sound yesterday morning, and they are in the same crowded condition.

At the court of inquiry held in Astoria on Good Friday, by the British vice consul, into the causes for the wrecking of the British ship Glenmorag, now ashore on North Beach, the court censured the master for coming in to the land in foggy weather without using the lead oftener. Owing to his high character and the extenuating circumstances of the case, nothing was done in the matter of the certificates. No one was blamed for the death of the two seamen, which was caused by the ship lurching. It was recommended that the strength of the current be brought before the authorities, so that the chartmakers could be notified.

Occupying the Esquimalt dry dock is the Puget Sound and Central American steamer Transit, a vessel of the Danube's type, which arrived early yesterday morning. She came over from the Sound to undergo an external overhauling, and when this is completed will go to Comox for coal, proceeding afterwards to Seattle for her outward cargo for Central American ports.

Official notice has been given by the branch hydrographic office at Port Townsend that the Neah Bay whistling buoy—painted red and marked with the words "Neah Bay" in white—has been replaced on its old bearings, about 1¼ miles N. E. by E. from Koitlah point. The notice affects the list of beacons and buoys and daymarks, Pacific coast, 1895, page 58.

News comes from Port Townsend that John Siebenbaum, of that place, owner of the sealing schooner Elsie, has received word of her safe arrival at Yokohama after a 53 days' passage across. The Elsie is said to have made the crack passage across, her nearest competitor being the Vera, which took 56 days.

A steamer has been subsidised at $100 a month to run between Chilliwack and Vancouver as an inducement to Chilliwack farmers to send their produce to the Vancouver market and deal with Vancouver merchants. A large amount of business, it is said, will be diverted to the Vancouver market by this move.

The steam collier Peter Jebsen, which passed up for cargo on Friday, passed the schooner Enoch 25 miles southwest of Cape Shoalwater. The schooner was then out fifteen days and asked to be reported with 250 seals.

The bark Wilna, Capt. Slater, made the run to to Nanaimo from San Francisco a few days ago in the remarkably short time of 16 days. This record is said to eclipse all previous ones.

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

New and Common Sense Classification of Racing by the C. W. A.

Victoria's Amendment to the Constitution Is Adopted—Quebec Gets the Meet.

Good Friday Racing and Trap Shooting—Victoria's Champion Footballers.

TORONTO, April 4.—[Special]—One of the most important matters dealt with at yesterday's annual meeting of the C. W. A. was that of the classification of riders, or what was jocularly styled "the division of the sheep from the goats" among the racing classes. After some discussion D. J. Watson, of Montreal, moved that membership in the Canadian Wheelmen's Association be restricted to amateurs. This was carried unanimously with the understanding that this clause should debar those employes of bicycle companies only who received remuneration for riding.

The division of the racing men into "amateur" and "professional" classes was next decided upon and the various necessary alterations to the by-laws in this connection were made, with some details to be left to the Dominion racing board, which shall be assisted by the district boards, comprising the chief consuls and representatives.

The proposal of C. W. Wells, of Waterloo, to hold provincial championship race meetings on Dominion day, and the national "meet" on Labor day, was given a hoist for one year.

Another matter of some importance disposed of was that proposed by Secretary Justin Gilbert, of the Victoria Wheelmen's Club, which vested power in the chief consuls of all districts with a membership of less than 300, to appoint additional members upon their district boards, limited to one representative to each twenty-five members the district board has in the C.W.A. This was accepted.

The association is now one of the strongest athletic organizations on the continent and nearly 500 delegates were present at the convention. The most interesting and exciting matter disposed of was the selection of the place for the meet for 1896. The contest lay between Peterboro and Quebec and Quebec scored by a large majority, the figures standing 3,744 for Quebec and 1385 for Peterboro.

The presidency went by acclamation to R. A. Robertson, of Hamilton, and T. O. Hurst, of the Toronto Wanderers, was elected vice-president.

The retiring president, Dr. Doolittle, in his annual address reviewed the doings of the year and congratulated the association on its increasing membership and prosperity. The financial statement showed the total receipts to be $3,743, with a balance due the treasurer of $520. The total membership now is 7,573, as against 6,566 last year—158 affiliated clubs against 104 last year. The newly-elected Western chief consuls are: For Manitoba, Pitblado; for the Northwest Territories, Goodrwiath; and for British Columbia, J. A. Fullerton, of Vancouver.

MOODY TAKES THE GOOD FRIDAY RACE.

Good Friday's road race at Beacon Hill park was witnessed by an interested crowd of thousands, resulted in a well-deserved victory for T. G. Moody, jr., and served to again demonstrate, if further demonstration was required, the utter absurdity of attempting to give a bicycle race worthy of the name on a public thoroughfare. Elsewhere in America, wheeling enthusiasts have long come to the conclusion that road racing should not be encouraged—that it is dangerous to riders and the public, and an unsatisfactory test of relative merits at best—and hence it is that both the L. A. W. and the C. W. A. have refused to endorse or recognize this branch of the reigning sport of the day. Nor can any intelligent wheelman question the wisdom of this ruling by two representative cycling bodies. For a rider, no matter how expert, to start in a race over the Beacon Hill circle is for him to take his life in his hand, trusting to his good luck enabling him to steer clear of dogs and children, carriages and crowds, as well as to his wind and muscle carrying him to the front. Bicycle racing on a well prepared and properly enclosed track is a sport for kings to witness; riding in competition on such a constantly invaded course as that at Beacon Hill is but a poor parody on wheel racing, which in the interest of the public as well as the riders it would be well to make an end of once and for all.

Friday's race was started with a field of six—Thomas G. Moody, jr., Frank Penwill, T. P. McConnell, W. Hewartson, jr., S. P. Moody and A. Morris, the latter two entering simply to fill the race but with no intention of riding out the distance. Moody (T. G.) forged to the front in the first lap and was never once headed, finishing strong and with no one pressing him in 46.51. He won his race, too, under numerous disadvantages which it required clear grit to overcome. In the first place he was looked to to make the pace all through, no other rider being willing to take a share of this undesirable work, and again he acted as an excellent wind-break for his most formidable rivals when the wind was particularly hard to fight gainst. Penwill, who started a hot avorite, trailed the leader until the eighth or ninth lap, when he was accidentally thrown from his machine and so badly shaken up that it was impossible for him to continue. One by one the others had dropped out also, so that only the victor and McConnell, who rode a steady though not very brilliant race, crossed the finishing line. A protest was filed on Penwill's behalf against the race being awarded to Moody, but investigation showed the complaint not to be well based and it was accordingly disallowed. All in the race, with the exception perhaps of Hewartson, were guilty of rank disregard of the rule forbidding a man to look back or to take his hands from the handles, but as the offence was so general, no action was taken. Moody, the winner of the race, and who whatever his faults as a rider may be certainly showed excellent racing pluck and speed, in this event rode a Victor racer, he being at the present time engaged in pushing to the front the excellent products of the Overman Wheel Co. in business as well as on the road. McConnell, who captured the second prize, bestrode one of the reliable Eagles, for which his firm holds the local agency.

BOXING.

PRETTY WORK WITH THE GLOVES.

The amateur boxing entertainment at the Colonist hotel on Friday evening last was the best of its kind ever seen in Victoria. The sparring, with possibly two exceptions, was clean, fast and pretty, and the bouts between Markland and Malone, and Markland and Hill in the light weight class, were worth going miles to witness. From a purely scientific point of view the contest between James and Sparrow was undoubtedly the best of the entertainment, and these two representatives of H. M. navy gave an exhibition with the gloves which it would be very hard indeed to surpass. James' longer reach gives him an undoubted advantage, but his clever opponent keeps him busy from start to finish. The positions of judges were occupied by four gentlemen who doubtless wished that they had not consented to act before their task was finished, inasmuch as every one present was satisfied in his own mind that he knew a great deal more about the business than any of the acting officials. As the latter, however, managed to return to town without suffering serious bodily harm, their awards were probably justified by the work accomplished.

THE GUN.

GOOD FRIDAY'S MATCHES.

Although the weather was inclined to be a little too windy for good scores, the members of the Victoria Gun Club who went to Langford Plains on Good Friday to participate in their first season's shoot for the club trophy acquitted themselves in a manner which indicates a lively interest in the sport and shows that the old-time warriors will have to look well to their laurels to avoid relegation to the ranks of the "have beens." In the first event of the day—the most important of three contested—nineteen club members took part, the match being on 15 blue rocks, known angles, and 15 unknown. The greatest break was 24, and on this score H. N. Short and C. W. Minor tied, the next scores being as follows: F. S. Maclure, 23; W. Bickford, 23; O. Weiler, 22; W. H. Adams, 20; and R. Jackson, 20. To decide the contest five extra shots were given Short and Minor, with the result that the former won with four birds to Minor's three.

The second event was class shooting taken from the averages of 1895. There were four classes, and a ten dollar prize was awarded in each. Out of a possible 25 the scores obtained were in order as follows:

First class—R. Jackson, 23; F. S. Maclure, 23; C. W. Minor, 22; H. N. Short, 22; O. Weiler, 19; W. H. Adams, 17; W. Bickford, 17; W. White, 17.

Second class—R. Short, 18; E. J. Wall, 14; T. Smith, 12; G. Wynne, 9.

Third class—C. Weiler, 15; F. Norris, 12; J. Morrison, 10; C. Porter, 9.

Fourth class—C. Becker, 15; J. Trace, 9; H. O'Brien, 6.

THE "CAPITAL'S" OPENING SHOOT.

On Friday the Capital Gun Club held their annual Good Friday shoot on their grounds at the head of the Gorge, which proved a great success, the chief event being for the Short trophy—a cup presented by Messrs. Henry Short & Sons, which was won by Mr. H. Cathcart with the good score of 21 out of a possible 30 blue rocks, half known angles, half unknown. The scores were very creditable considering the bad light and high wind which prevailed all day. The five highest scores were as follows: H. Cathcart, 21; W. Lenfesty, 19; H. Wall, 18; Charle Le Lievre, 16, and Gus Gowen, 16.

THE TURF.

VICTORIA POLO CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The programme and entry forms for the polo club spring races at the driving park on Saturday, May 16, have been issued and may be obtained on application to H. P. Rogers, secretary of the polo club. The programme, comprising as it does six running races, should be a very interesting one, and as it will be carried through in every detail with the strict regard to regulations that characterizes the opening day at Ascot, the most fastidious stickler for racing customs will return satisfied when the winner has passed the post in the last race. Everything in the guise of thoroughbred within twenty miles of Victoria that possesses the slightest pretensions to speed is being put into training for one event or another on the card, and the fields will be numerous and picturesque. Gentlemen or ladies intending to register their racing colors will remember that the following have been already claimed:

R. W. Dunsmuir—Sky blue.
G. A. Kirk—Primrose; cerise collar, cuffs and cap.
R. P. Rithet—Royal blue.
F. B. W. Ward—Red; yellow sleeves.
F. B. Pemberton—White; green sleeves and cap.
T. E. Pooley—Light blue.
F. W. Hall—White; blue sleeves and cap.
Geo. E. Powell—Black; orange sleeves.
D. R. Ker—Blue; yellow cap.
G. Duncan—Crimson.
W. J. McKeon—Red; blue cap.
W. S. Chambers—Grey.
A. J. Dallain—Navy blue; old gold sleeves.
Heath House Stable—White; black sleeves and cap.

On Saturday, May 30 next, an afternoon's racing will be given at the Driving park, at which the chief attraction will be a trotting and pacing race open to British Columbia-bred 3-year-old colts and fillies. A purse of $50 will be added to a sweepstakes of $5 each for nominations and $5 acceptance, to be declared at 6 p.m., the day before the race. Entries to be made for this race to B. J. Perry, secretary of the Driving park, on or before Thursday, the 16th April next, at 6 p.m. The race will be best three heats in five, ane five must enter and four start, or the added money will not be given. The total purse and sweepstakes will be divided as follows: Seventy per cent. to the winner and 30 per cent. to the second horse.

FOOTBALL.

ISLAND V. MAINLAND.

The great event of the football season and the match with which the Rugby enthusiasts will retire for a time, is to take place at Brockton Point to-morrow afternoon, when representatives of the Island and Mainland meet in a final test of relative strength and skill. Each will be worthily represented, and with the following on the field, a splendid battle should be witnessed:

MAINLAND—R. Spinks, full-back; W. Miller, C. H. Woodward, F. C. S. Saunders and F. Miller, three-quarters; E. Miller and F. Templar, half-backs; H. P. Woodward, J. Purvis, A. S. Hall, P. McL. Forin, H. C. Akroyd, A. Hopkins, H. Springer and J. Moresby, forwards.

ISLAND—H. Petticrew (Victoria) full-back; J. Miller (Victoria), C. Gamble (Victoria), E. Wigram (Victoria), and E. Marshall (Nanaimo), three-quarters; G. Ward (Victoria), and J. D. Quine (Nanaimo), half backs; J. McKinnell (Nanaimo), O. Randle (Nanaimo), H. Hilton (Nanaimo), C. H. Barker (Nanaimo), J. K. Macrae (Victoria), G. Chance (Victoria), A. Goward (Victoria), and A. R. Langley (Victoria), forwards.

Mr. E. E. Billinghurst, Victoria, will act as referee.

VICTORIA TAKES THE CUP.

NANAIMO, April 4.—(Special)—Nanaimo made a draw with Wellington in the Association football match to-day, the score standing two to two. Victoria thus becomes to all intents and purposes winner of the cup. The following scored: Wellington—J. Richards and Hadlow; Nanaimo—M. Duffie and Medill.

HERE AND THERE.

GENERAL GOSSIP OF CURRENT EVENTS.

Fishing and wheeling parties and picnics were very numerous on Friday and yesterday. The run of the V. W. C. to Goldstream on the holiday was very much enjoyed by those participating.

George Snider of the seniors, and Thomas Norman of the juniors won the contests in accuracy of throwing the lacrosseball, at Beacon Hill park last Friday.

The Amity Baseball Club meets at the J.B.A.A. rooms on Tuesday evening, for the consideration of especially important business. Practice has already commenced for the exhibition game with the league team on the 18th instant.

Messrs. J. D. Hall, W. Quann and D. Smith have been appointed Vancouver's delegates to the approaching meeting of the lacrosse association.

There will be a meeting of the executive of the Capital Lacrosse Club at the office of the president, Dr. J. D. Helmcken, on Tuesday evening. As important business is to come before the meeting, it is urgent that every member of the executive be on hand.

Here is a chance for some baseball enthusiast to secure a season ticket for the new Pacific league matches to be played at Caledonia Park. The problem is, what will be the attendance at the opening game of the home series to be played on May 20 with the Portland team? Note your guess on the coupon printed below and send it to the sporting editor of the COLONIST. The nearest guess will be rewarded with a free season ticket. It costs nothing to try your luck and test your prophetic skill.

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Surgeon Duncan was in attendance on the hill with his staff, but there being no casualties their services were not called into requisition.

After the skirmish the regiment were put through battalion drill by Major Gregory, and having then marched past and saluted the D. A. G. returned to the hall, followed by a large proportion of the spectators, who no doubt were attracted by the fine playing of the band. The marching music was the subject of special commendation by Major Gregory in the few words he addressed to the companies before dismissal.

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LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.
For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock.
For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at 7 o'clock.
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For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.
For Pender and Moresby Islands—Thursday at 7 o'clock.

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1 a.m..	35	Mean 41°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	29°		
9 a.m..	44°	Highest 50°	5 a.m.—4 N. E.
1 p.m.	48°		1 p.m.— 16 N.
5 p.m..	48°	Lowest 29°	9 p.m.—16 N.
9 p.m..	44°		Rain—00.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Sun.—10 hrs. 36 min.
Barometer 9 a.m... (Observed .....30.285 (Reduced 30.272

ESQUIMALT STATION, April 4, 1896.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	42°	Mean 48°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	40°		
9 a.m..	45	Highest 57°	5 a.m.—16 N.
1 p.m..	56°		1 p.m.—8 N. E.
5 p.m..	56°	Lowest 48°	9 p.m.—Calm.
9 p.m..	46°		

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Sun, 2 hrs., 30 mins.
Barometer 9 a.m... (Observed .....29.940 (Reduced 29.923

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PERSONAL.

Miss K. Burnes has returned from a visit to California friends.

Charles Spry-Palmer was a passenger to Victoria from the Sound by the Sehome yesterday.

John Wilson was among the Victoria passengers returning home from Puget Sound by the steamer Sehome yesterday morning.

Col. the Hon. James Baker is confined to his bed by a bad chill.

R. C. Holden, treasurer of the great boot and shoe firm of Ames, Holden & Co., Montreal, is in town on a business visit.

H. R. Ella is a passenger home from San Francisco by the steamer City of Puebla, which sailed from California yesterday.

Robert Jamieson, manager of the Victoria and Vancouver theatres, returned Friday evening from the Terminal City.

Joseph Loewen has returned from a business visit to the Mainland.

Rev. R. Whittington, president of the Columbia Methodist college, Westminster, is paying the capital a visit.

E. H. Fletcher, post office inspector, has returned from an official visit to the Mainland.

Mayor Curtis, of Westminster, was a passenger to Victoria from the Terminal City by last evening's Charmer.

C. Hill-Tout, of Vancouver, and W. B. Anderson, of Comox, are among the recently arrived guests at the Oriental.

A. R. Johnson, of Nanaimo, is at the New England.

A telegram was received from Dr. Hanington yesterday saying that he was on his way home from his tour of the world. The telegram states, however, that he has been snowbound at Schreiber, on the C.P.R., for the past three days.

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This Easter morning the Christian church throughout the world rejoices in memory of the resurrection, and anthems of praise and thankfulness are raised to welcome in the day. In Victoria with, its wealth of lovely springtime flowers, it is comparatively easy to procure the dainty decorations that deck the churches at this season. This year the profusion of blossoms is particularly fine, not only in the gardens, but in the fields, where the wild lily, the wild crocus and other flowers are more than usually plentiful.

At Christ Church cathedral these wild lilies have been used with most charming effect and take a prominent place in the decorations. A great deal of pains has been taken by a number of the ladies of the congregation to make the church look prettier than usual. The font near the main entrance is a mass of flowers and ferns. Above it are little arches of wild lilies bedded in green; the basin of the font is filled with hyacinths, narcissus and other fragrant flowers, while around the sides jonquils and daffodils are principally used with a base of ferns. The altar screen is a beautiful piece, hundreds of white hyacinths forming the chief feature. The chancel looks a perfect bower of blossoms and foliage, and upon the altar are deposited a number of most exquisite calla lilies.

The chancel screen of St. John's church is a delicate tracery of wild lilies and moss, the lectern decorations being specially pretty and gracefully arranged with great calla lilies and ferns. The front of the choir stalls matches the chancel screen, while the front is a mass of wild lilies and fern, hyacinths having been used with fine effect on the pulpit.

Blue cinerarias fill the font of St. James' church, daffodils decorate the pulpit; hyacinths, potted plants and calla lilies have been used with delightful artistic taste and calla lilies have a chief place in the chancel. The little church looks very pretty and much pains have manifestly been taken to make it so.

The Easter decorations at St. Barnaba's church are mainly confined to the altar and chancel, the former a profusion of calla lilies and other flowers has enabled willing hands to make the central object — very lovely to look upon. The special services that have been held at this church during Lent have been largely attended and, therefore, large congregations are expected on to-day's great festival.

The decorations at St. Andrews Roman Catholic cathedral are confined to the altars, upon which have been placed hyacinths, lilies and other pure white spring flowers.

The Reformed Episcopal and many of the other churches of the city have been decked with flowers, among them the Centennial church, which has been adorned with more than usual care with cut flowers and potted plants, around the pulpit and on the platform.

The announcements of the services for to-day are:

Christ Church Cathedral—7 a.m. and 8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., matins, holy communion and sermon by the Bishop; 3 p.m., children's service; 7 p.m., evensong and sermon by Rev. Canon Beanlands.

St. John's Church—8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., matins with sermon by the rector, the following being the order of the service:

Processional hymn, 138.
Christ our Passover, Preston.
Proper Psalms for Easter day.
Te Deum, Toop in D.
Jubilate, Smart in G.
Responses, Tallis festal.
Anthem, "He Is Risen," Holloway.
Hymn 498, Kyrie, Gloria, etc., J. E. Bridgman.
Communion hymn, 322.
Offertory interludes, Smart.
Sermon.
Holy communion.

Evensong at 7 p.m., with the following:

Processional hymn, 138.
Proper psalms for Easter Day.
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Kimmins in E flat.
Anthem, "He Is Risen," Holloway.
Hymns 498 and 134.
Sermon by the Bishop.
Processional hymn, 393.

The Easter music will be repeated at a service to be held on Wednesday evening, the offertory to be for the benefit of the choir fund. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Mr. Marwick, chaplain of H. M. S. Royal Arthur.

St. James Church: 8. a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer and holy communion, sermon by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet; 7. p.m., evening prayer and sermon. Hopkins' Te Deum will be sung at the morning service, and in the evening "My heart was glad," A. Carnall.

St. Barnabas' church—8 a.m., holy eucharist; 10:30 a.m., matins; 11 a.m., choral eucharist and sermon; 3 p.m., children's service; 7 p.m., festal evensong with sermon; the following being the music:

Processional hymn 131.
Magnificat } .....E. Bunnett.
Nunc Dimittis }
Anthem "He Is Risen, Thanks to God."
Hymns, 131 and 134.
Offertorium "All Things Come of Thee O God."
Processional hymn 391.

St. Saviour's, Victoria West—8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer, holy communion and sermon; 3 p.m., children's service; 7 p.m., evening prayer and sermon. There will be full choral service both morning and evening at which G. Clare's anthem "Why Seek Ye the Living Among the Dead?" will be sung.

First Presbyterian church—Rev. Dr. Campbell will occupy the pulpit at both services; subject, "The first persecution of the Christian church—its cause and effect"; Sabbath school and Bible class at 2:30 p.m.; at 3 p.m. the pastor will conduct service at the Jubilee hospital.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church—11 a.m., morning service, sermon by Rev. W. Leslie Clay; anthem, "As it began to dawn," Dr. G. Martin; 7 p.m., evening service, sermon by Rev. A. B. Winchester; anthem, "Hallelujah, Christ is risen," Vincent, solo (soprano) "Hosanna," Granier; anthem, "As it began to dawn," Dr. G. Martin.

Metropolitan Methodist church—Both services will be conducted by Rev. S. Cleaver; morning subject appropriate to Easter; anthem, "He Is Risen" (E. A. Clare); solo, "Christ Arose," Mrs. Rowlands; evening subject, "Flowers"; anthem, "Since by Man Came Death" (Handel); solo, "The Resurrection Morn" (Rodney); Mrs. Rowlands; solo, "Consider the Lilies," Mrs. McGraw; anthem, "God Hath Appointed a Day" (Tours).

Centennial Methodist church—Rev. J. F. Betts, pastor. 11 a.m., Easter sermon; 7 p.m., "The Gospel message a mystery to the average hearer"; 2:30 p.m., Sunday school; service at Boleskine road at 7 p.m.

James Bay Methodist church—Rev. T. J. McCrossan, the pastor, will conduct both services; morning subject, "Doubting Thomas"; evening subject, "Paul at Ephesus."

Victoria West Methodist church—The pastor will conduct both services; morning subject, "The Fact of the Resurrection"; evening subject, "The Significance of the Resurrection." Special Easter hymns and anthems by the choir.

Emmanuel Baptist church—Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with sermons by the pastor, Rev. P. H. McEwen; morning subject, "The resurrection a foundation fact"; evening subject, "The empty grave." There will be special Easter music.

Calvary Baptist church—The pastor, Rev. R. W. Trotter, will preach morning and evening; morning subject, "Proofs of the Resurrection;" evening subject, "The meaning of the Resurrection." The choir will render Easter anthems at both services; Lord's supper and reception of new members after the morning service; baptism in the evening.

Reformed Episcopal church — The music for to-day's services is both new and interesting, containing several fine solos. It is as follows:

Venite and special psalms to chants.
Te Deum .....Dr. Sullivan in D
Benedictus .....Dr. Dykes in F
Anthem—"Blessed be the God and Father" ..... S. S. Wesley
With solos by Miss Devereux and Mr. Godfrey Booth.
Stainer's Sevenfold Amen.

EVENING.

Whitfield's Magnificat.
Whitfield's Nunc Dimittis.
Anthem—"Worthy the Lamb" .....
..... J. F. Burnett
With tenor solo by Mr. Kingham.

St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral.—Low mass at 8 a.m. Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated at 10.30 a.m.; and at Vespers at 7 p.m., the Pontifical benediction will be pronounced. The choir will be assisted by Madame Laird, the following being the order:

MORNING.

Kyrie—Chorus .....Marzo
Gloria—Solo and Chorus .....Marzo
Credo—Solo, Trio and Chorus .....Marzo
Offertory—Ave Maria—Solo and Chorus [Gounod
Sanctus—Chorus .....Marzo
Ave Verum—Solo and Chorus .....Wiegand
Agnus Dei—Solo, Duett and Chorus Marzo

EVENING.

Complins .....Bishop Lootens
Sermon.
Regina Coeli—Chorus .....
Ave Verum—Solo, Trio and Chorus..Wieg- [and
Ave Maria—Solo and Chorus.....Gounod
Tantum Ergo—Chorus .....Goeb

Congregational Church—Rev. P. C. Laverton Harris will preach at both services; morning subject, "Christ is risen;" evening, "The glorious King." In connection with the evening sermon Mr. Harris will sing "Room for Jesus."

Theosophical Society, 28 Broad street: Public meeting at 8.15 p.m, subject, "The third object of the Theosophical Society."

THE amateur theatricals in aid of the Sunday school fund, to be given in Christ Church cathedral school on Tuesday evening under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, the Lord Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, promises to be a most brilliant and successful affair, and will be very numerously and fashionably attended. "The Sleeping Beauty," one of Barnby's most celebrated burlesques, is performed by a number of children who have been most skilfully and carefully trained in their different parts for some months. The farce "Shocking Events" is most delightfully amusing, and the names of the performers is a sufficient guarantee for its unqualified success.

THE committee for the Orange ball to be held to-morrow evening in A.O.U.W. hall have made the following appointments: Reception committee, G. Grimason, G. Barker, J. Moras, H. Keown, A. Jackson; floor managers, W. Furnival, A. Kirk, J. T. Braden, and W. Duncan. The hall has been tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens; the Richardson orchestra will greatly add to the pleasure of those attending and a most enjoyable evening is assured. Supper will be served at midnight, and in addition a refreshment stand has been provided at the entrance of the hall. The competition in Highland dancing has been attracting much attention and promises to give the judges a far from easy task in deciding as to the respective merits of the competitions. Orangemen attending the ball are requested to bring their regalia.

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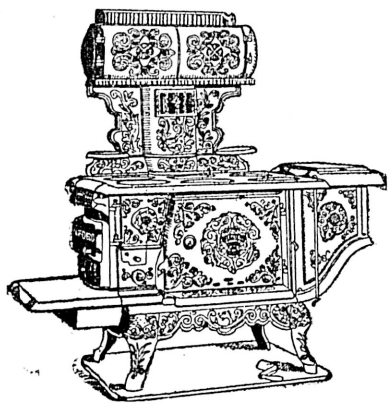

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TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

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"Queen of the Coast" is a new title of which Victoria has become possessed within the past few years, a title bestowed in recognition of her supremacy as a shipping port and which will be freely admitted even by her rivals as justly and rightly hers. By leaps and bounds her transportation interests have developed and increased, until now the steamers of more than half a dozen great ocean lines are regular callers contributing to her commerce. Unlike the other cities of the coast she has reaped the advantage of not one but all of the new and important steamship enterprises brought to a successful issue during 1895, having in every instance been made the first port of call and the last of departure, a privilege commanded by her unrivalled situation.

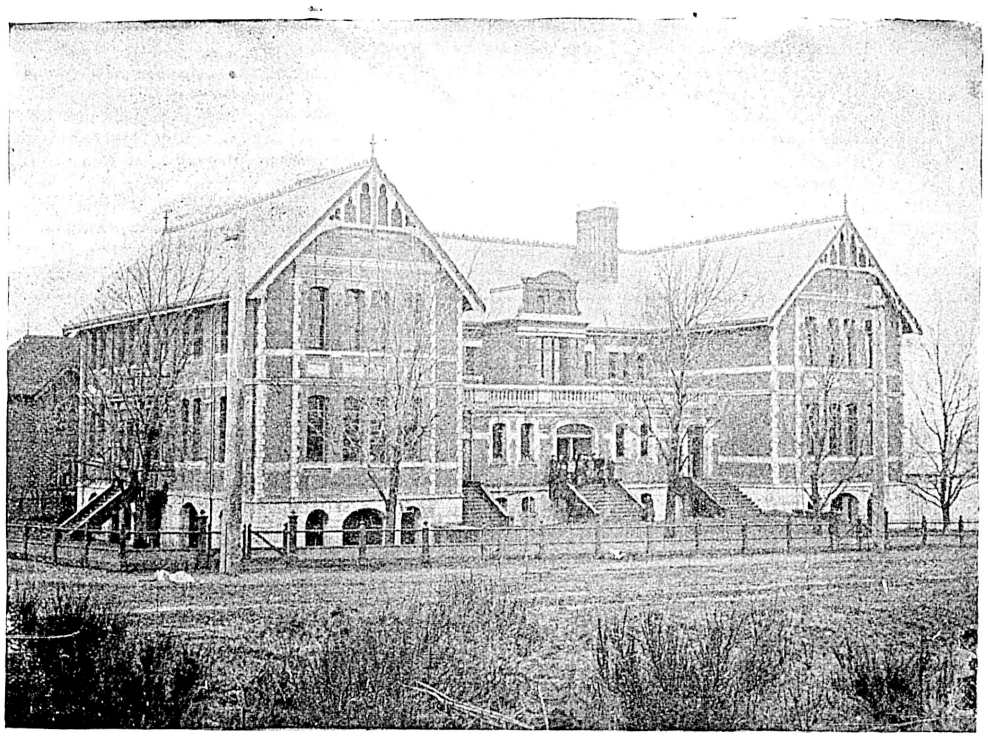
Her trade with Alaska, Oriental lands, Hawaii, Fiji and the Australian colonies has increased steadily and swiftly, and there seems every prospect that before many months the newly inaugurated steamship service between Puget Sound and Central American ports will also be a source of direct profit to Victoria. The regular trans-Pacific liners are now more numerous than those of San Francisco, in the summer months there being at least ten big ocean carriers from China and Japan calling as frequently as once a week, while this number is occasionally augmented through special charters whenever the demands of trade ordain. One of the companies engaged in the Oriental trade, the O. R. & N. Co., only commenced business in 1895, yet its present trade necessitates the operation of three large ships. There is now talk of a fourth competing line entering the field, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha of Japan, and this and other indications all point to a continued growth of this important feature of Victoria's commercial life. The Australian steamers are also becoming inadequate for the handling of the immense trade they are developing, and it seems likely their number will have to be materiany increased in the near future.

Of the regular liners connecting Victoria with the Orient, first mention may be made of the splendid steamers of the C. P. R. Empress line; the excellent ships of the N. P. Co., rapidly being brought nearer and nearer to the high standard set by their Canadian rivals, coming next; and the immense freight carriers of the O. R. & N., practically the Great Northern, following. The Warimoo and the Miowera maintain the fast growing trade with the Southern seas, while the numerous vessels of the P. C. S. S. Co's fleet ply regularly between here and San Francisco on one hand and between here and Alaska on the other, having in the latter service an active competitor in the Willapa of the new Alaskan line. Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways maintain daily steamers uniting the British Columbia capital with the cities of Puget Sound, and the C. P. N. Co. provide speedy transportation between Victoria and the Provincial Mainland. There are, too, lines connecting with the islands of the gulf, with Port Angeles, with the West Coast ports, with the Fraser river, with northern coast points, and with Bellingham Bay, so that its location on an island does not in any way detract from the advantages of the city's location.

To accommodate these many messengers of trade, harbor and shipping facilities have been provided which cannot be surpassed. Many thousands of dollars of public money have been expended in the improvement of the natural facilities of the port, and private enterprise has stepped in to continue the good work done by the state, the entrance to the harbor proper being now supplied with docks, which for completeness and equipment have no equal on the Pacific coast. It is to the far seeing enterprise of Mr. R. P. Rithet that Victorians owe these magnificant docks, capable of accommodating and sheltering in the roughest gale that blows, the largest steamships and sailing vessels to be found on the waters of the Pacific, from which to dock there is a clear course, with no dangerous and tortuous channels and no shoals or rocks. At this outer dock abundant water and excellent wharfage is afforded for shipping of any draught, and it is no unusual thing to see half a dozen big ocean carriers there at berth at one time receiving or discharging cargo.

The shore line of Victoria's inner harbor, which is entirely protected by the natural conformation of the land, is about seven miles in length, good anchorage being found in many places while well appointed wharves extend for a mile or more in almost unbroken succession. Here is it that dozens of steamers and sailing craft of all sizes are to be found at all seasons of the year, taking or receiving freight.

Nor is Victoria, which hopes at no far distant day to be the terminus of America's greatest trans-continental railway, without railways already. The Esquimalt and Nanaimo road connects the city with the great coal mines of Nanaimo and Wellington, penetrating a splendid agricultural and richly mineralized country, and opening to the sportsman a district unrivalled the world over for its feathered, furred or finny game; while the more recently constructed V. & S railway makes tributary to the city the well-populated and prosperous Saanich peninsula, rich in fertile farms and now fast rising into notice as one of the most important agricultural sections of the island. More detailed reference to these lines and to the men who have contributed to the advancement of Victoria's shipping will be found below.



THE SCHOOLS OF VICTORIA—SOUTH PARK SCHOOL

Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway.

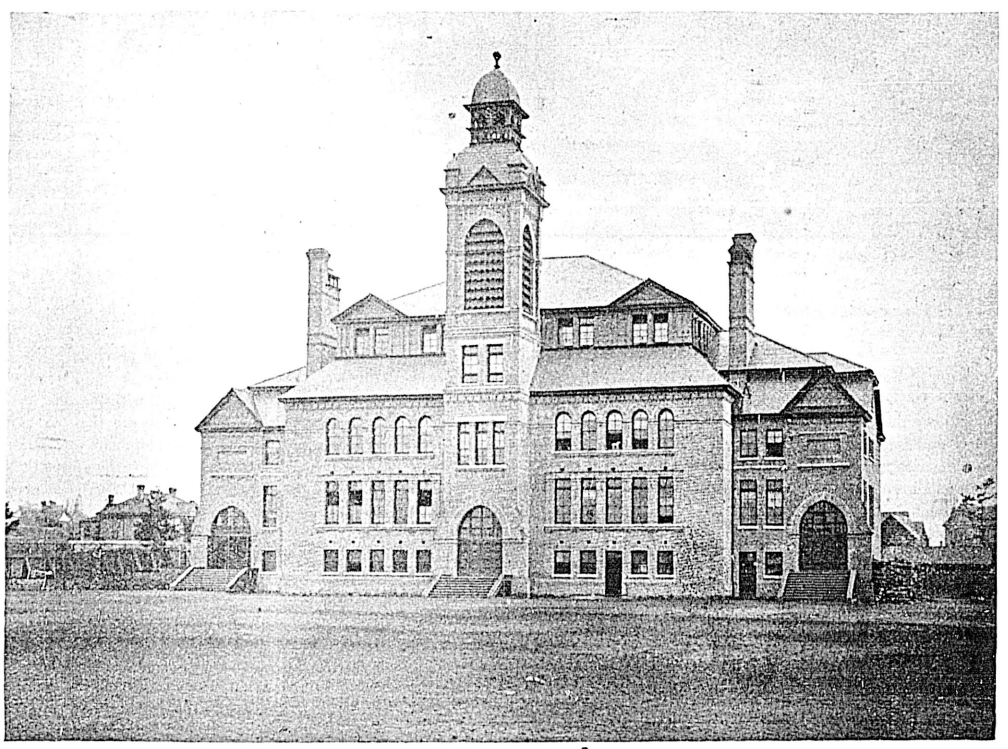
There is no industry connected with Victoria so important to commercial welfare or that has played so important a part in recent years in the development of our resources as the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway. For many years before its completion the construction of the road was looked upon as a necessary aid towards the development of commerce and settlement. Under the settlement bill of 1882 its construction was finally secured and in the fall of 1884 the first work was begun. To the late Hon. Robert Dunsmuir is due much honor and credit as his earnest effort in behalf of the road is the main cause of its existence. Under the settlement bill the Dominion government granted $750,000.00 and the Provincial government donated the lands known as the railway reserve. The road was to have been completed June 7, 1887, but so rapidly was the enterprise pushed that August 13, 1886, saw its completion, the late Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald driving the last spike on that date. The cost of building and equipping the road reached almost $3,000,000.00, and a great deal more has been spent in keeping the equipment at the highest point of perfection. It would be almost impossible to tell of the great value this road has been to the entire province and especially to Victoria. It has 80 miles of track, connecting Victoria with Nanaimo and Wellington, the leading centres of the coal mining district of Vancouver Island. Its equipment consits of five locomotives, eleven passenger coaches and one hundred and fifty freight cars. The company also operates the steamer Joan, plying between Victoria, Nanaimo and Comox. Commercially speaking the E. & N. Railway has been the greatest fosterer of our commerce for the past ten years. It has opened up a number of flourishing businesses and agricultural centers and has given an outlet for the valuable products with which they abound. Along its line are located valuable stone quarries, fine timber lands, rich silver bearing quartz ledges, splendid farming lands, etc., all of which are now in process of development owing to the means of transport afforded by this railway. This road is not only an important local enterprise, but is in a certain degree a link in the trans continental system Eastern freight coming via the Canadian Pacific is shipped over from Vancouver city to Nanaimo and from there via the E. & N. Ry. to Victoria. The promotion and development of this enterprise is the result of the enterprise of some of our leading and most representative citizens. To the late Hon. Robert Dunsmuir is due, in a measure, its existence, while the present officers are entitled to no little praise for the splendid service it affords, and for its successful operation. The officers are as follows: Mr. Alexander Dunsmuir, president; Mr. James Dunsmuir, vice-president; Mr. C. E. Pooley, secretary; Mr. Lindsay, auditor; Mr. Joseph Hunter, general superintendent; Mr. H. K. Prior, general passenger agent. Messrs. Alexander and James Dunsmuir are sons of the late Hon. Robert Dunsmuir, who was the first to develop the great coal resources of the island. They are large capitalists and have extensive coal and seal interests. Mr. Joseph Hunter has been connected with the road from its inception and to his excellent management is due much of its success. Mr. C. E. Pooley is one of our best known barristers-at-law. All the officers are prominent in commercial circles and are representative citizens.

The building of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway differs in many essential particulars from that of almost any other road in America. In the first place its construction was undertaken by one man, the late Hon. Robert Dunsmuir, who chafing under the delay which kept in prospective for many years this link of steel that was to unite the business and political capital of the province with the great coal fields in which he was so largely interested, assumed in 1884 at the suggestion of the Marquis of Lorne, the governor-general of Canada, and other prominent persons, the entire responsibility of construction.

Under his energetic direction the road was commenced in the fall of the same year, and completed almost one year in advance of the time stipulated by the terms of his contract with the Dominion and Provincial governments, by which he was to receive from the former $750,000 toward construction under the settlement act, and from the latter the belt of hitherto valueless land opened up to settlement by the railway. Again the "Island" railway excited the attention of railway men as soon as it was complete by reason of its structural perfection, experts pronouncing it a model in railway building unsurpassed on the continent of America. For the extent of its iron it opens up, too, a greater variety of resources, and presents more exquisite scenic pictures than perhaps any other road in the world.

Hardly are the limits of the city left behind before the lime kilns of Colwood, whose development the railway is responsible for, are reached. Then, skirting a series of pretty lakes, a stop is is made at Goldstream, with its famous little mountain brook from which it takes its name, its rifle range where annually the military matches of the province are decided, and its wealth of feathered as well as four footed game for the lover of the shotgun or rifle.

A little further on the scenery unfolds in panoramic splendor mountain and forest, sea and valley, the grandeur of the prospect increasing mile by mile until the Summit is reached and the train darts on with accelerated speed to pause panting a few miles further on at Shawnigan Lake, the scene of many celebrated tests of aquatic prowess among the great oarsmen of the world, and the home of trout whose equals can be found in few other waters—except perhaps the lakes further up the line.



THE SCHOOLS OF VICTORIA—NORTH WARD SCHOOL.

Then comes a district of rich agricultural land in a high state of cultivation, which the railway penetrates, and then a sportsman's paradise lakes and streams teeming with trout and forests alive with game, both great and small. McPherson's, Duncan the centre of the ranching country Somenos, Koksilah and Cobble Hill; these are a few of the intermediate points on the line, each of which possesses its own special attractions, scenic, piscatorial or commercial, Cobble Hill being the location of as fine a quarry of building stone as is to be found in the entire island. At Nanaimo and Wellington are the great coal mines, and beyond, tributary to the line, are the gold mines of Alberni, rich in untold millions and now on the eve of thorough and systematic development.

Victoria Electric and Railway Co., Ltd.

On the 20th of November, 1888, a number of well known citizens, among whom was the present speaker of the House, Hon. David William Higgins, obtained a franchise from the City of Victoria authorizing them to lay and operate a street railway within the city; to supply electricity for lighting and motor purposes and any other electrical purpose, for a term of fifty years. In 1889 the company was incorporated as the National Electric Traway and Lighting Company, Ltd. In 1890 another act of the legislature was obtained, which empowered the company to construct and operate a tramway in the districts of Victoria, North and South Saanich, and other outlying sections, these roads to connect with the company's lines in Victoria. On March 27th, 1894, the legislature permitted the consolidation of their former Acts and extended the powers of the company, at which time the present style was adopted. The authorized capital is $1,000,000, of which $217,500 is fully paid up. The company issued £100, 00 of 5 per cent. debentures; of which £75,000 has been sold and £25,000 placed in eschew in the hands of trustees for the debenture holders until the net earnings of the road reach $60,000. The trustees for the debenture-holders are the Earl of Norbury Wm Fuller Maitland nd John House Payne, Q. C. The directors are Hedley Chapman, president and managing director; J. T. Jones, vice-president; Josepq Hunter, W. J. Pendray and J. B. McKilligan, Mr. McKilligan being the secretary of the board of directors. The company has 13 1-5 miles of track operated from a central station on Store street, near Rock Bay bridge, one line running to Esquimalt, another along Johnson street, Government street, Fort street to Jubilee Hospital and Willows, with branch back to Oak Bay; another from Yates and Government streets, along Yates, Douglas, and Saanich road to Tolmie Avenue; another from Douglas street and Pandora avenue to Spring Ridge; another from Yates and Government streets to Superior streets, along Superior street to Erie streets and the Outer Wharf; and yet another from the junction of Superior and Menzies streets to Niagara and thence to Beacon Hill Park. At the terminus of the Oak Bay branch the company has a large Recreation Park, suitable for sports of all kinds, including a fine cinder track for bicycling. The system is the overhead trolley and the company has seventeen cars and two trailers of the very latest designs and provided with every comfort and convenience. All the machinery is of the most modern and approved type. The lighting department is also thoroughly complete. It consists of one 2,000 light Thomson-Houston alternator, two 1,000 light T. H. alternators, and one 650 light T. H. alternator, all with exciter and switch board instruments complete. There is also a 45 arc light machine, supplying commercial customers. They supply about 6,500 lights for private lighting, as well as furnishing power by tram-system to several printing establishments, elevators, small manufactories, stone cutters, etc. In all, the company employs about 80 men, and the annual wages paid amount to $50,000. Lately the road has not been paying expenses owing to various causes. It was unable to meet the interest due on debentures in London, in July and January last and consequently the bondholders have taken possession under trust deed, and the plant is now offered for sale by the debenture holders on April 11th, the amount of their claims being about $400,000. It is true that the property at the present time is not worth much more than that, but as this city is bound to grow in population the franchise will become valuable. Prior to the bond holders taking possession Messrs. Henry Croft and J. B. McKilligan were appointed receivers for certain execution creditors by the Supreme Court, and acted as such until January 8th, when the trustees for the debenture holders took possession and Mr. J. B McKilligan was appointed sole receiver and manager, which office he now fills.

The Canadian Navigation Co., Ltd.

The Canadian Navigation Co., Ltd., is a very important factor in the passenger and freight carriage of British Columbia and contributes in no small way to the commercial prominence of Victoria. Since its organization some years ago, this Company has been steadily growing until to-day it owns some of the largest and finest steamships on these waters and furnishes direct connection with what would otherwise be isolated points. The various routes operated by the Company are: the Vancouver route, daily except Sunday, between Vancouver and Victoria; New Westminster route, between Victoria and New Westminster; Ladner's Landing and way ports tri weekly; Northern route, from Victoria to Fort Simpson and all intermediate points, semi-monthly; (it is the intention of the Company to extend these trips to West Coast Points and Queen Charlotts Island, in the near feature); Barclay Sound route, from Victoria to Barclay Sound Ports and Alberni, tri monthly. All the steamers are comodious and first-class. The "Islander" of the Vancouver route, is one of the largest, fleesest, safest, most handsomely equipped and modern steamers running in these waters, while the others are eminently suited for the routes they cover. Owing to the growing improvement of the West Coast route, the Company had purchased in the East a large and commodous steamer specially adapted for the service. Unfortunately on her passage out she was lost. The Company is however negoating for another vessel to take her place, which we trust will meet with success, and before the season is over the service will be carried on in accordance with their original plans. The manager of the C. N. Co'y is Capt. John Irving, and the general agent Mr. G. A. Carleton, both of whom are very well-known, having been for years identified with the shipping interests of these waters.

Victoria and Sidney Railway.

A very valuable addition was made to the transportation facilities of Victoria in August, 1894, when the Victoria and Sidney railway was first put in operation. This road runs between Victoria and Sidney, a distance of sixteen and a half miles, the intermediate stations being Royal Oak, Keating and Saawichton. Sidney is splendidly located on the coast of the island in the center of a fine timber section, and is destined to be an important lumber center, there being a large saw mill already established there. From Sidney steamers are run among the neighboring islands and to the coast. In April, 1895, the Victoria and Sidney Railway company took possession of the road. This company is incorporated under British Columbia laws, with large, paid-up capital, and the officers are: President, P. C. Dunlevy; vice-president, Julius Bretham; general manager, J. W. Paterson. Both prssengers and freight are carried on the road, and two trains run daily each way, leaving Victoria at 7 a. m. and 4 p. m. daily, except on Saturdays and Sundays, when they leave at 7 a. m. and 2 p. m. The rolling stock of the company is of thoroughly modern construction and design, and every comfort and convenience is provided for passengers. The building of the railway is doing a great deal to open up the district through which it passes by supplying the most direct shipping facilities to and from Victoria, and making the interests of the residents of this district one with those of our city. Sidney's picturesque location and the beauty of the scenery lying round about it make it a delightful spot for outings, and already the people of Victoria have added it to the many attractive spots surrounding our city, and the trams, during the summer months, carry large parties of pleasure-seekers. The officers of the company are all men of prominence in Victoria, and their names are the strongest guarantee of the able and reliable management of the Victoria and Sidney railway. Mr. Dunlevy resides in Victoria. He is a capitalist, and has extensive mining and other interests. Mr. Julius Bretham lives in Sidney, and also is widely known. Mr. Patterson, the manager, is also an influential citizen of Victoria. He was formerly public works contractor here for some years. His business ability is doing much to further the prosperity of the road.

Victoria Transfer Company, Ltd.

This useful enterprise was established twenty years ago and incorporated in 1880. It affords the public facilities and conveniences that cannot but be appreciated, and its splendid service is the subject of commendable remarks, not only from home people, but also from tourists and travellers who have occasion to use it. The office and stables are situated at 21 and 23 Broughton street, and comprise a two-storey building extending clear through to Courtney street. The stables accomodate 100 head. This company has a splendid equipment, which includes a fine stock of horses, carriages, buggies, phaetons, etc. They also possess two four and six horse omnibuses, which are furnished on short notice. Rates are uniform and reasonable, visitors and strangers finding the service equal to the best in the largest cities. Forty people are employed by this concern. The company has hacks and carriages to meet all boats and trains, and baggage is checked and transferred to all parts of the city or stored. Furniture and freight is also moved, heavy trucks being utilized for this purpose. The officers of this company are F. S. Barnard, M. P., president, and Mr. A. Henderson, superintendent. Mr. Henderson devotes all his time to the management of the business, and his progressive methods have made it the successful concern that it now is.

Victoria Truck and Dray Co.

This enterprise was organized and incorporated under the laws of British Columbia six years ago with a capital stock of $25,000. The officers are Capt. John Irving, president, and G. A. Carlton, secretary. Mr. James Bryce is manager, and gives all his time to the business. This company is the leading one of its kind in the city and under its splendid management affords the very best service to patrons. The stables of the company are located on Kane street. They are large and well-equipped, containing every modern convenience. The stock of horses are the best west of Winnipeg. The office is at 108 Wharf street. The company has a splendid equipment, operating some twenty large trucks and drays. They employ from twenty to twenty-five men. They are prepared to do any kind of light or heavy draying, and make a specialty of transferring freight to and from boats. Their splendid service has gained for them a very large patronage, and they have now the leading enterprise of its kind in the province. The officers are all well known in the city and are prominent in commercial circles.

Richard Bray.

A splendid representative of its special line of enterprise is that conducted by Mr. Richard Bray, livery, board and hack stables. The stables are at 109 Johnson street. They contain every facility. There are accommodations for from 34 to 40 head. Special attention is paid boarders, which are accommodated at most moderate rates The hack line is made a special feature, and cabs can be had at any time. Hacks meet all trains and boats. Mr. Richard Bray, the proprietor, is a native of Ontario, and has lived here thirteen years. He is well known, and is a representative of the line of enterprise he represents.

Chas. Hayward.

The funeral director and embalmer occupies a most important position in a community and his sad offices are such as to require an experienced hand. Such a man is Mr. Chas. Hayward, who has been one of the leading representatives of this business here since 1867. This establishment is situated at No. 52 Government street, and consists of four rooms and a basement, divided into the separate apartments, necessary for the successful prosecution of the business. There is always on hand a full line of undertaker's goods, including all kinds of beautiful and expensive caskets and burial cases. Mr. Hayward operates three hearses, two black and one white. These are very handsome equipages, and are in keeping with the general excellence of the establishment. Mr. Hayward is a graduate of the Clarke School of Embalming, and employs two experts as assistants. He is an experienced undertaker and embalmer, obliging and reliable in the performance of his duties, and as a funeral director is courteous, prompt, polite and considerate. He is a Justice of the Peace, a member of the British Columbia Board of Trade, Chairman of the City School Trustees, Director of the Jubilee Hospital, President of the Prodestant Orphan's Home, and is one of the managers of the British Columbia Benevolent Society.

W. J. Hanna.

In no profession or trade of the present day are courtesy, sympathy and other attributes of the true gentleman, so requisite, so indespensable as in that of the funeral director and embalmer. To practice this profession successfully one must fully possess these qualities, and the prosperity which has attended the efforts of Mr. W. J. Hanna, proves emphatically that he possesses them to the highest degree. From the outset Mr. Hanna has engaged favor until today he is in the foremost rank in his line in this city. In the Pierce block, 102 Douglas street, his quarters are located. Besides the splendidly furnished reception rooms, are the stock-rooms, morgue, etc. In the stock rooms is displayed a complete line of coffins, caskets, and undertakers supplies. Undertaking and embalming is attended to and the finest of hearses and the only mortuary wagon on the Island are maintained. Mr. Hanna has resided here for some years, coming here from Ontario and has gained the highest esteem of his fellow citizens. He was contractor to Her Magisty's Royal Navy for the years 1894-5 and is a graduate of the U. S. College of Embalming of New York City. He is a Past Grand of I.O.O.F., also a member of I.O.F., K.P. ex-chiefton of Sir William Wallace Society, Chairman of the Board of Managers of the W. O.W., and Regent of the Majistic Council Royal Arcanum.

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THE MINING INDUSTRY

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HUNDREDS OF BUSY MINERS EMPLOYED

The Development of the Mines Bringing Back Prosperity to British Columbia—A Brief Review of the Various Districts and their Development.

It was the discovery of gold in the sands of the Fraser river that first caused a rush of population to British Columbia, over and above that which had been brought here through the establishment of the Hudson's Bay Co. The discovery of the famous alluvial deposits of Cariboo was chiefly responsible for the permanent establishment of a considerable population in Victoria and New Westminster, and generally throughout the country reached by the Fraser and Thompson rivers. Following in the wake of the gold movement was the expansion of the coal, timber and fish industries, and to a limited extent, agriculture. Since the sixties, there have been several business depressions consequent on the decline of the gold product in Cariboo, Cassiar and the Kootenay and Yale placer fields. Since the quartz boom in Cariboo in the seventies, very little attention was paid to the precious ores of the Province. A few abortive attempts were made in Cariboo and elsewhere, but it was not until the discovery of the Silver King group of mines in West Kootenay, in 1886, that mining the precious ores was given a good start. The quartz mining industry now bids fair to again bring prosperity to British Columbia, and West Kootenay has already appreciably affected the trade of the Province. Under the direction of the late Richard Day Atkins, the work of developing the Silver King group was begun, and the uncovering of phenomenally rich silver-copper ores, caused a general prospecting of the Kootenay Lake district. The rich finds made in the Slocan and Trail Creek districts are now matters of history. The mountain fastnesses have been penetrated by trail wagon road and railway, and the production of the precious metals climbed last year from the half million point around which it wavered for many years to between three and four millions of dollars, while the present year British Columbia bids fair to add to the world's wealth by over double that sum.

The general investment in Kootenay gold and silver mines spread in a lesser degree to other parts of the province. Ledges of gold bearing rocks have been found where no one ever thought of looking before. On Vancouver Island and on the islands of the archipelago lying between Vancouver Island and the Mainland, many quartz claims have been located. This is also true of the interior from one end of the province to the other. Every section of country has its precious metal deposits.

Starting at home, the Alberni district bids fair to become a large producer of the yellow metal. It is the persistency and faith of Mr. Henry Saunders in that district that has finally caused the mining and investing public to pay attention to the ledges of gold bearing rock lying almost at Victoria's door. Within the past two years hundreds of claims have been recorded and some preliminary work carried on. It was only the other day, however, that the first practical step was made towards demonstrating the value of Alberni ores. The Consolidated Alberni Mining Company, with Mr. Jas. Dinsmuir president, and Mr. Henry Saunders secretary, began the work of sinking on the Alberni ledges, which has invariably run from hundreds into thousands of dollars per ton in the numerous assays and mill tests made. So soon as this present work establishes the continuity of ore and value, as depth is reached, there is no mining district in British Columbia with brighter prospects than Alberni. Mineral Hill, in which group of mines the Consolidated Alberni four claims are situated, consists of a great mass of mineral about 15,000 feet square. In this area the surface is marked with very numerous ledges, varying from a few inches to twenty feet in width. In many other sections of Alberni district rich finds have been made, some of them showing the same character of ore which has made Trail Creek famous. This is true especially of Copper Island and the Sarita Valley, running northward along the west coast and in Cowichan and Nanaimo districts, and in Texada Island, the precious metals are found, and are being investigated. The cheapness of transportation and of supplies and labor, the easy access to the mines and the mild weather of the coast, make these mines specially attractive to the investor and their development to a producing scale is sure to result in a very short time.

The district of Kootenay and the eastern portion of Yale is to-day, the Mecca of the mining man in British Columbia, and rightly, too, for here is a field which has demonstrated the value and permanency of its ores. The richness of the Slocan silver ores almost passes belief. A carload of Reco ore recently returned net to the company over $18,000 after paying costly freight and smelting charges. A car load shipment of the gold-copper ore from the Le Roi mine in Trail Creek district averaged over $500 per ton. There are numbers of the mines in the Slocan shipping ore to the various smelters, home and foreign. Three smelters are now in operation in British Columbia, one at Pilot Bay with a daily capacity of 100 tons, one at Trail Creek with a capacity of 250 tons, and one at Nelson, erected by the Hall mines people. The War Eagle company will place in their own smelter. The smelter at Revelstoke is to be again operated, and smelters will shortly be established on the coast. All this is the outcome of the opening up of the Kootenay mines. It is expected that the development of this year will necessitate the addition of other stacks to the Kootenay smelters, and it is understood that the Pilot Bay company will establish refining works as well. While the Trail Creek and the various camps surrounding Kootenay lake are receiving the greatest attention, the Boundary Creek country to the west, the Fish Creek, Big Bend, and Illecillewaet camps to the north, and the whole district of East Kootenay, is in process of development. The North Star silver mine near Fort Steele, operated by D. Mann and associates, is one of the largest and richest silver mines on the continent. This mine is shipping ore, but the facilities of transportation are lacking. In West Kootenay this is not the case. The Kaslo and Slocan and the Nakusp and Slocan railways give cheap freights for the silver ores. The Nelson and Fort Sheppard railroad gives connection from Nelson with three transcontinental railways at Spokane. The Revelstoke branch of the C.P.R. and steamers of the Columbia river give connection between Nakusp and Trail with the C.P.R. main line. The building of the Trail Creek tramway will give all the mines surrounding Rossland cheap freight to Trail on the Columbia river and with the Nelson and Fort Sheppard road. The Red Mountain railway and the C.P.R. are both building into Rossland and will furnish competitive lines. It is not intended in this article to give columns of facts and figures but simply a general idea of the position of the mining industry of the province. It can be readily gathered that the ores of West and East Kootenay and of Yale districts are receiving great attention from mining men and capitalists. That the industry is but in its infancy, can be demonstrated by a glance at some recent issues of maps showing the mineral locations made. Of these but a very few are yet at that point where they are producing ore. Many of them will be earning a profit shortly, and it is safe to venture the prediction that within a couple of years the district lying east of the Cascades and south of the C. P. R. will be ranking among the greatest producers of gold and silver in the world. As an evidence of the rapid appreciation in value of the Trail Creek mines, the history of the Le Roi is conclusive. It is somewhat less than two years ago that its stock went begging at 5 cents per share of par value of $1, the mine being stocked for $500,000. To day there are few if any offering for sale, and the price is quoted at $5.50 per share, or $2,750,000 for the mine.

In Lillooet district, and the northern and western part of Yale districts, there is great activity in hydraulic mining and the mining of streams by dredging. The placer deposits of these and of Cariboo are said to be far richer than those of California. The present year, it is expected, will show excellent results from the hydraulic mines of the province.

Anyone acquainted with the history of British Columbia is aware that its early exploration and development were chiefly due to the discovery of the alluvial gold deposits in the creeks of Cariboo. After the finding of the phenomenally rich river bars above and below Yale, stored with the wash gold of centuries, the intrepid prospector of that day pushed on up stream and over the hills with unerring instinct and found the famous Williams and Lightning creeks and their many tributaries. Then the rush to the mines followed, and Victoria became the headquarters of the searchers for gold and of the traders who make wealth more slowly but more surely. Other gold-bearing districts were afterwards discovered in various parts of the province—in fact the regions in which the silver and gold quartz mining of to-day is being carried on with such unqualified success were all traversed by the brave and hardy men of the early sixties. But the name of none of these districts carries with it the golden meaning that the word "Cariboo" possesses.

The hidden stores of wealth in Cariboo's creek beds and hillsides made many a poor man rich, but before 1870 the output gradually declined, and by 1880 old Cariboo, except to the small numbers of miners and traders and Chinese who still remained, was thought to be a practically worked out field. This was a great mistake. The miner of the sixties only worked the very rich deposits, for it was impossible, owing to the great cost of labor and supplies, to carry out the large hydraulic and deep mining which has in the past two or three years been inaugurated. Even now the heavy freight charges are a serious drawback to the rapid development of the district.

In 1893 a wealthy syndicate, composed chiefly of prominent C. P. R. officials and their Montreal and Toronto friends, acquired ground on the North fork of the Quesnelle river and on the Horsefly river, and retained the services of Mr. Hobson, an eminent hydraulic engineer of California, to direct operations, which were begun on a scale that opened the eyes of the small hydraulic miners of Cariboo. Mr. A. G. Whittier, after a plucky fight against adverse circumstances, interested English capitalists in a scheme to work all the old mining ground of Williams creek by hydraulic lift, acquiring all the creeks and hill claims and water privileges for this purpose. A company, known as the Slough Creek Mining Co., commenced to sink and drive on Slough Creek in this same year, 1893. It was previously thought that bedrock on this creek was too deep to be reached, although the hill claims and tributary creeks were immensely rich. Mr. W. Laird, a Chicago capitalist, also began to open up an extensive stretch of deep ground on Willow river, at the mouth of Mosquito creek. The Victoria Hydraulic Co. on the South fork of the Quesnelle was organized, and wealthy Eastern Canadian capitalists secured control. The movements of these companies naturally attracted smaller investors, and a rush for mining ground from Yale on the Fraser river, to almost its sources and on all the creeks, and rivers, and benches, and quartz veins in Cariboo, began. In 1894-5 many hundreds of leases were taken up for hydraulic and drifting and dredging. The expenditure in opening up the Quesnelle and Horsefly mines of the C. P. R. syndicate, the Whittier scheme at Williams Creek, the Victoria company's claims at Quesnelle, and the many other mining enterprises which were actively prosecuted in the past two years, will amount to nearly, if not over, a million dollars. It takes time to open up the face of a gravel bench, and the returns have not as yet begun to come in to any appreciable extent, although over $70,000 was taken from the two C.P.R. claims in the incomplete wash-ups which were made. But work on these several large and numerous small enterprises has advanced to a stage where great returns are shortly to be expected, and in 1896 the gold output of Cariboo will again begin to climb towards the million point and beyond it.

Mining of gold-bearing gravel deposits by hydraulic, drifting, sinking, and sluicing, are old methods in this province, but mining by dredging resulted unsuccessfully in the few attempts that have heretofore been made. Dredges have been, and are being built on the upper and lower reaches of the Fraser River, which, it is claimed, will be able to suck from the bottoms of streams the millions of gold known to exist there. The beds of the Fraser and Quesnelle rivers and branches for many hundreds of miles have been leased for this purpose.

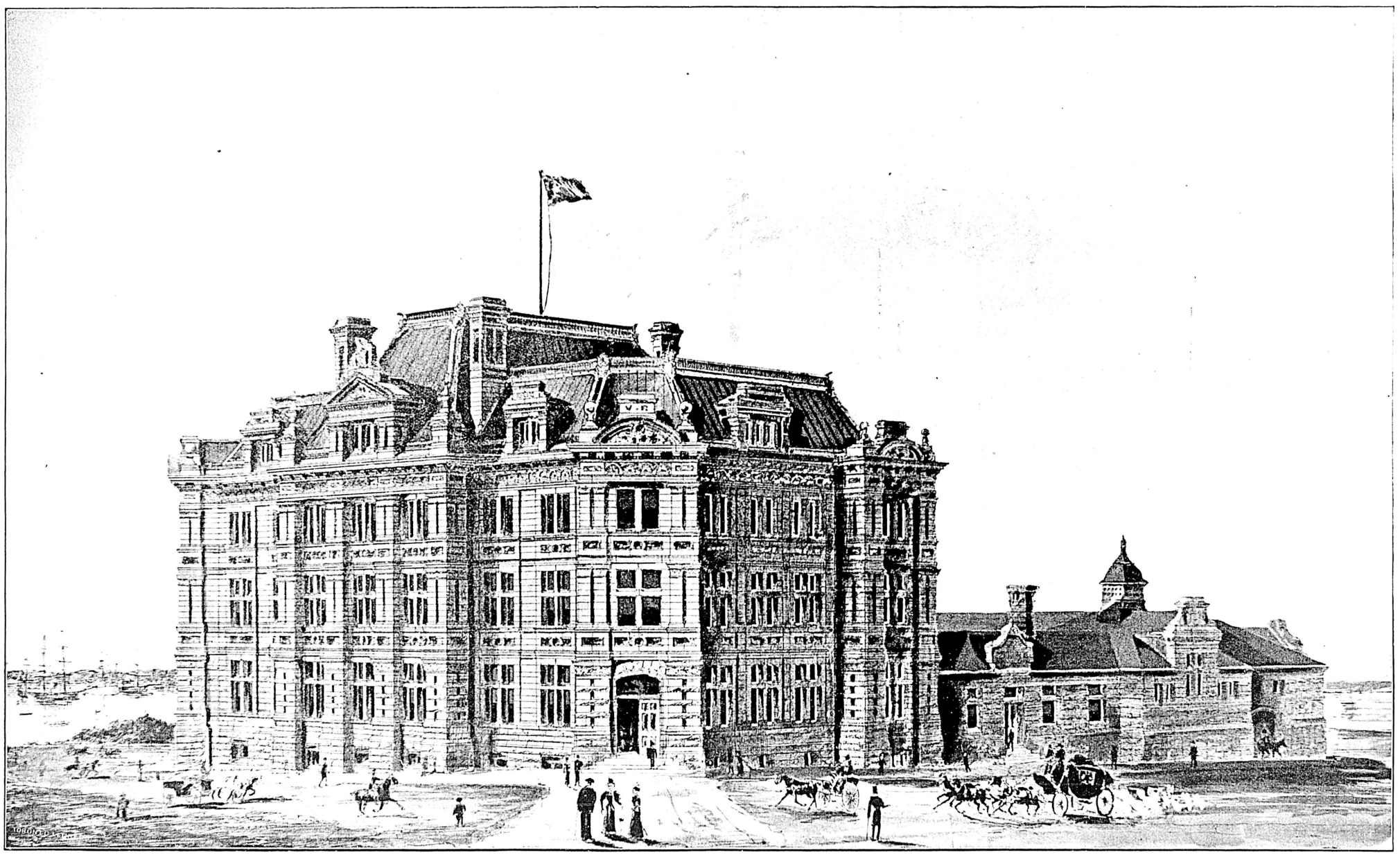
A company is also being promoted in England for the purpose of erecting a dam at the point where the water of Quesnelle enters the North fork of the river. This is for the purpose of taking the gold from the river-bed, where a prominent mining man recently said there is enough gold to pay off the national debt.

A local company is now endeavoring to turn the waters of the North fork of the Quesnelle by a cut through an abrupt bend in the river, with the object of cleaning up about 3,000 feet of the river bed, which is known to be very rich.

Quartz mining is also being resumed in Cariboo. The whole district is lined with reefs and ledges, many of known value. The development of these is to be assisted by the erection of a cyanide plant in connection with the government reduction works at Barkerville. Until cheaper transportation facilities are provided, placer mining, however, will overshadow quartz mining.

Bank of British Columbia.

This is one of the most successful and substantial banking institutions in Canada, and was incorporated in 1862 by a Royal Charter. By its sound and liberal methods this bank has largely aided the development of the mercantile and manufacturing interests of the city and province in the past, and its growth has only been commensurate with the ability and progressive spirit of its management. The head office of the company is 60 Lombard street, London, Eng. It has branch offices in Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Kamloops, and Nelson, B. C., San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, and Tacoma, U.S.A. It is a bank of deposit, discounts approved commercial paper, negotiates loans, makes collections on all available points in Canada, the United States, and Europe, issues drafts, letters of credit available on all points in the world, purchases bullion and gold dust, and in fact engages in all the transactions that come legitimately under the head of banking. There is also a savings bank department, where deposits are received from $1 upwards, and interest allowed at the rate of three per cent. per annum. This bank has especially fine facilities for making collections, having correspondents in nearly every part of the globe. Its principal correspondents, for Canada the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the Merchants Bank of Canada, the Molson's Bank, Imperial Bank of Canada, Bank of Nova Scotia and the Union Bank of Canada; for the United States, Canadian Bank (agency) of Commerce, New York, Bank of Nova Scotia, Chicago; for Australia, the Bank of Australasia; and for New Zealand, Bishop & Co., Honolulu. The British Columbia Bank building in this city is one of our handsomest office blocks. It is a three story and basement, massive stone building, located at the corner of Fort and Government streets. It is most elegantly furnished and is one of the architectural features of the city. The British Columbia branches of this great institution are looked after by Mr. W. C. Ward, in the capacity of superintendent of branches. The local house is under the management of Mr. George Gillespie, who has been with the bank for eighteen years. The bank's capital paid up is £600,000—$3,000,000 with power under its charter to increase up to £2,000,000—$10,000,000. The shareholders are liable for double the amount of their holdings, by the terms of the bank's charter, thus affording to depositors the strongest security.



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